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Blair attacks hunting on eve of rally

By Philip Webster and Michael Hornsby

TONY BLAIR yesterday put himself on collision course with supporters of fox-hunting by declaring that he would vote for the ban proposed in a Labour backbencher's Bill when it comes before the Commons in the autumn.

Asked about his attitude to Mike Foster's measure, against which up to 100,000 rural workers and hunt supporters will protest in Hyde Park, London, today, the Prime Minister said that he had voted against hunting in the past and would do so again. He believed it could be done without the "massive destruction of the countryside" that people were claiming. His remarks ensured that the future of fox-hunting would be a central political difference between the party leaderships in the coming year.

William Hague, the Tory leader, will attend today's rally and tell visitors from his Yorkshire constituency that he will vote against the Foster Bill because it would damage the rural economy and harm freedom. "Britain has a history of tolerance," he will say. "The country does not like it when a majority gangs up on a minority."

Protesters will claim that thousands of rural jobs are at risk from the ban. But in a two-page advertisement in *The Times* today the International Fund for Animal Welfare, citing a Mori poll, claims that seven out of ten people want hunting with hounds to be abolished.

Extra police have been drafted into central London to control possible clashes between supporters and opponents of hunting. Commuters were told to expect severe traffic congestion, particularly during the morning and evening rush hours. Police expect up to 100,000 people at the rally.

Mr Blair said in the Commons that Labour valued what happened in the countryside and he rejected as "absolute nonsense" some of the allegations that had been made, including claims that Labour intended to ban shooting and fishing.

Mr Blair's remarks confirmed that Mr Foster's Bill, which the Labour whips were reluctant for him to bring forward this year, will be the subject of a party political dogfight after it is introduced in the autumn, even though both sides are allowing MPs free votes.

But Mr Blair's support cannot be taken as a guarantee that the Bill will become law. The Labour leadership has yet to make a decision over whether effectively to take over the Bill and grant it parliamentary time when it hits trouble.

A number of senior ministers, including Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, are understood to be opposed to a ban. But the size of the Labour majority makes it likely that hunting will be outlawed at some time during the present Parliament.

Today's protest follows month-long marches that began throughout the country. The protesters were last night gathering at Potters Bar in Hertfordshire and will travel by bus to central London today.

Michael Heseltine, the former Deputy Prime Minister, is to speak at the rally and other speakers include Frederick Forsyth, the writer, Simon Bates, the broadcaster, and Paula Hamilton, the model.

The League Against Cruel Sports said it had instructed its followers to stay away from the rally. John Bryant, its chief spokesman, said: "The last thing we want is a punch-up".

At a press conference on the eve of the rally, the National Trust, one of Britain's biggest landowners, said it would continue to allow the hunting of fox, hare and mink on its holdings in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

But Charles Nunneley, the chairman of trust, which has 2.2 million members, said its position on hunting was "agnostic" and it could not therefore officially support a rally organised for the specific purpose of promoting field sports.

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"It's British Airways — do we fancy hunting down any cabin crews?"

BA cabin staff report sick rather than join strikers

By Harvey Elliott, Philip Bassett, Kathryn Knight and Daniel McGrory

ASHLEY COOMBES

Picket chic: some of the 142 BA cabin staff who stopped work rather than report sick demonstrate support on the first day of their three-day strike at Heathrow yesterday

MORE than 1,500 British Airways cabin staff reported sick yesterday as colleagues staged a 72-hour strike that forced the cancellation of dozens of flights and brought chaos to Heathrow.

Both the airline and the Transport and General Workers' Union were claiming victory in the dispute last night.

Airline managers were privately celebrating as only 142 cabin crew formally joined the strike. They regarded the swollen sick roll — more than ten times the usual size — as a sign that staff were against the action, while 834 people reported for work as usual.

Two thousand are needed to operate a full service, but the apparent reluctance of many workers to join the strike surprised managers who were working late last night to reschedule flights for today. "We will certainly be able to operate 20 per cent more flights on Thursday," a spokesman said.

But union leaders described the airline's conclusion as nonsense. Eddie McDermott, the regional organiser, said: "You can see how many are on our picket line, half their flights were cancelled, thousands more passengers switched to other airlines, so how is that a success for BA?"

And Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, told his biennial conference in Brighton: "Despite all the threats, I can report that the dispute is solid."

Mr Morris said that the union was up against a management that had come "straight out of the industrial relations museum of the 1970s", adding: "If you want to find militancy, look no further than the British Airways boardroom."

Strikers were told on Tuesday that they would forfeit their travel perks and promotion prospects for three years, and yesterday the airline said that it was considering sueing the union on the ground that the strike was illegal. It claimed that up to a thousand people who took part in the strike ballot no longer worked for BA or were not members of the TGWU subsidiary British Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa).

The union, however, said that it would defend itself vigorously and renewed its criticism of what it regards as BA's intimidatory tactics. Mr Morris said: "BA have tried intimidation. They are now trying litigation. We believe they should try negotiation."

Robert Ayling, the BA chief executive, today recognises the anger the company's approach has provoked and writes in *The Times*: "If we have appeared heavy-handed or clumsy, I apologise. Let's clear that misunderstanding from this dispute." But he insists that while he is ready to reach agreement with his employees and their unions, he will make no deal that threatens the company's future competitiveness.

Such an apology is almost unprecedented from the head of a company involved in a high-profile dispute and the union is likely to use it as a lever to press for fresh negotiations.

In the meantime, TGWU leaders are unlikely to decide until Saturday whether to call a further strike — and legal requirements mean that if they do, it will not coincide with BA's annual meeting next week. BA officials were meanwhile confident that future actions will be abandoned.

Yesterday, BA cancelled 135 of its normal 196 daily departures from Heathrow and nine of the 93 due to leave from Gatwick. Today it expects to run more flights, including those from Heathrow to Edinburgh, Glasgow and Delhi.

A spokesman said: "Because more people have turned up for work, we have more crews on standby than normal. Tomorrow we hope to run 20 per cent more flights than we did today. We will be able to run some domestic short-hauls tomorrow which we were not able to run today."

But fellow managers admitted that the scene inside the main terminal buildings at Heathrow yesterday were "organised chaos". One said: "It's not as bad as we expected, but the longer it drags on, the more tempers will fray."

Announcements on which flights would operate were made barely an hour before take-off as managers had to check which cabin crew had turned up. The seven sets of

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Boxing bites back and bans Tyson from ring

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

MIKE TYSON'S boxing career may have ended yesterday after the Nevada State Athletic Commission revoked his boxing licence as punishment for biting Evander Holyfield's ears during their recent heavyweight title fight in Las Vegas.

Brushing aside appeals from Tyson's lawyers, the commissioners voted unanimously for the maximum penalty.

As well as being stripped of his licence, Tyson will lose 10 per cent of his title bout purse of nearly $30 million (£17.8 million). He was also ordered to pay costs.

The ruling does not automatically mean a ban for life. Technically, Tyson can reapply every 12 months, however many times he may be rejected. But time is against him — he is now 31

and with each year out of the ring his force in world boxing will diminish.

The commission has absolute discretion in this matter. Donald Haight, the Nevada Chief Deputy Attorney General, pointed out, that the commission need not adduce any new evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Tyson in order to reject an application. The original sin — the biting of Holyfield's ears — can serve in perpetuity as a reason to refuse him a licence.

Mr Haight said: "Unless the commission changes its mind, this would be a permanent revocation. Without further action, the licence would not be restored."

Since other American states are required by law to honour Nevada's decision, Tyson could not fight elsewhere in the country. He is unlikely to be able to fight abroad as he is still on probation for a rape conviction in 1991. The parole board officials, who decide whether Tyson can leave the country, are unlikely to do anything which would undermine the commission's sentence.

Earlier, Jim Thomas, the lawyer for Holyfield, conveyed a brief message from his client to the commission. In his words, Holyfield had "no interest in punishing Tyson" and had "forgiven him". The champion professed the hope that Tyson would "get the help ... to find the inner peace he needs". Holyfield wished it to be known through his lawyer that the hearing was about "more than one man, about more than Mike Tyson". The hearing was, he stressed, about "boxing as a whole, and the future of boxing as an honourable sport".

Tyson did not attend yesterday's hearings, although his lawyers wished it to be known that he had thrown himself at the mercy of the commission.

Tyson: time running out to stay at top

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New chief for Tote after year's search

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

PETER JONES will today be named as the successor to Lord Wyatt of Weeford as chairman of the Tote, ending a year-long search.

Mr Jones, 54, is ideally qualified for the £75,000-a-year job. A former president of the Racehorse Owners' Association, he was a founding director of the British Horseracing Board and is already a Tote director.

Although he has a successful career in advertising, he found time to take out a bookmaker's licence. He had set his heart on rejuvenating the fortunes of the Tote but the post has twice looked set to elude him.

He emerged as the favourite for the job after the previous Government announced 12 months ago that Lord Wyatt would step down in April. But Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, wanted to appoint Major-General Guy Watkins, formerly chief executive of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club. His choice was, however, vetoed by Jack Straw, his successor at the Home Office.

A fortnight ago, Mr Straw was poised to appoint Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League, but changed his mind, and Lord Wyatt's tenure was extended.

However, the path is now clear for Mr Jones. He has made little secret of his belief that the Tote can be transformed from a slumbering giant into a more competitive and profitable operation.

The Tote he inherits is perceived by many within the sport not to have fulfilled its potential. In 1991, a Commons select committee acknowledged that it had not been entirely clear about its business objectives, and recognised the concerns about its financial performance.

Nonetheless, the Tote's profits in recent years have grown, and its contribution to racing is expected to be close to £10 million for 1996-97. However, it owns only 210 of the estimated 8,500 betting shops in Britain, and Mr Jones will have to decide whether to extend its off-course presence or concentrate on increasing turnover and profits elsewhere.

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Globetrotting PM endures nightmare with his eyes wide open

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

When Phineas Fogg went around the world in 80 days he returned to a Pall Mall club, a noggin, a warm reception, a reward and bed. When our Prime Minister goes round the world in 48 days, he returns to no rest, half an hour of being jeered and poked at during PM's Questions, a complicated statement about Nato, a hail of nitpicking questions ... and more work.

Tony Blair staggered into the Chamber yesterday within hours of a mad dash to Madrid for a Nato summit. This was a jaunt compared with recent trips to Hong Kong, Denver, New York, Paris (twice), Malmö, Bonn, Amsterdam and Noordwijk. Since forming a government he has clocked up 26,800 miles on these insane trips, attended four summits, conferences galore, and dispatched one colony. "Tony," a pal told *The Sun*, "is determined not to lose touch with the outside world."

A more pressing danger is of losing touch with his own government. At Questions yesterday Mr Blair was ill-briefed and unconvincing. He looked exhausted. Officials may compliment him on spreading his authority so wide, fast and thin — but officials never think the Commons matters.

There are signs that Labour Party managers do not think the Commons matters. Yet for a government which has so far hardly let its authority slip, a ragged afternoon represents a loss of virginity. One bad performance spreads ripples in a parliamentary pond his Chief Whip needs to keep unruffled before the summer.

It also encouraged William Hague mightily. The new Tory leader had learnt something from the ferrets he had been pictured tickling in the the newspapers: he sunk his teeth into a small but unguarded patch of prime ministerial flesh — and hung on fiercely. He wanted to know if the Government would compensate local authority pension funds for their losses occasioned by the Budget.

Mr Blair did not wish to talk about this. He tried ignoring the question, and lecturing MPs on the benefits of his Budget and the wickedness of the last Government.

The balding ferret hung on.

The PM tried attacking Tory "cheek" in asking the question in the first place. He attacked the wickedness of the last Government.

But the ferret hung on.

The PM tried rejoicing that his Budget had started a stock market boom, thus solving the pension funds' problems. He tried a sermonette on "prudence" in economics, and another on the wickedness of Tories.

But the ferret hung on. Exasperated, Blair said the Tories' record was so bad he did not see why he should listen to their advice.

The ferret let go before Miss Boothroyd pulled him off. Poor Mr Blair was then attacked by John Hume (SDLP, Foyle) for not banning marches in Ulster.

It is wonderful to observe an encounter between these two. Both choose piety as their weapon, but in Hume, Blair has met his match. John Hume is even more sanctimonious than the Prime Minister. He sighed, whispered and raised his eyes.

Tony Blair upped the pious stakes and spoke with a terrible earnestness. But in this match of holier-than-thou, Blair had been out-holied. One of his own side, Dennis Canavan (Falkirk W) then delivered a swift kick to his shins by supporting Hume: if permitting marches had been the least bad option, "then what on earth was the most worst option?"

Mr Blair looked strained, disappointed — and tired.

Blair to increase Labour life peers

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

TONY BLAIR is poised to appoint more than 20 new Labour life peers to bolster his party's representation in the Tory-dominated Lords.

A new list of Labour peers will be published later this month, probably alongside John Major's resignation honours list which will also contain new Tory life peers.

Nothing approaching balance will be achieved, however, until Mr Blair goes ahead with his pledge to strip the hereditary peers of their voting rights with a Bill likely to figure in the next session of Parliament beginning in the autumn of next year.

In the meantime Labour clearly intends to use any defeat in the Lords as ammunition for its plan. The Lords last week voted by 101 to 94 to back a Tory call for the two separate devolution polls to be held on the same day rather than a week apart, as the Government proposed. Of the 101 votes against the Government, 59 were hereditary peers, 52 of them sitting as Conservatives, Labour sources disclosed.

Mr Blair, questioned about it in the Commons yesterday, condemned as a "constitutional wrong" the role of the hereditary peers. "If we are looking for constitutional wrongs, what could be more wrong than the Conservative Party depending on hereditary peers to do their business that they can't get through because they lost the election?" he said.

Extra troops sent to combat march backlash by IRA

Nicholas Watt reports on fears of rising Ulster violence

FOUR hundred extra troops are to be flown to Northern Ireland to counter the upsurge in IRA terrorism since a Roman Catholic road was forced to accept the Drumcree Orange parade on Sunday.

The soldiers from the 1st Battalion the Staffordshire Regiment, Britain's standby battalion, will arrive at the weekend amid fears of renewed sectarian violence as the marching season reaches its climax.

The RUC, which requested the troops, said that they would be deployed to counter the renewed threat from the IRA. Troops already in Northern Ireland have been stretched by the IRA campaign unleashed across Northern Ireland within hours of Sunday's contentious parade.

Up to 6am yesterday there were 815 attacks on the security forces and 1,506 petrol-bombing incidents, injuring 60 RUC officers and 56 civilians. Police and the Army fired 2,500 plastic bullets to disperse rioters.

The violence abated yesterday but the IRA is expected to step up its campaign on Saturday when tens of thousands of Orangemen hold their annual July 12 parades across the Province. The greatest threats will arise at two parades along the Catholic Lower Ormeau Road in Belfast and in Londonderry. Nationalists are determined to block the parades, which means that the RUC will have to decide whether to ban the parades, restrict the routes or let them go ahead as planned.

Lower Ormeau Road, which has become Ulster's second most serious flashpoint after the Drumcree parade, presents the RUC with a dilemma. If police allow the Orangemen to march, the IRA will repeat this week's violence: if the RUC blocks the parade, tens of thousands of Orangemen arriving in Belfast for the main parades will try to converge on the Ormeau area.

One security source said last night that the only hope was for the two sides to show some flexibility. He said: "If everyone sticks to their 'rights', then we are all going to be wrong."

The 400 extra soldiers will bring troops levels in Northern Ireland to 17,500, the highest number since last July when two extra battalions were flown in during the marching season.

As the extra troops prepared to leave their base in the West Midlands, Tony Blair defended the Government's handling of the Drumcree parade and paid tribute to the courage of Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. Speaking at Prime Minister's Question Time, Mr Blair criticised the intransigence of both nationalists and loyalists.

He added: "The situation in Northern Ireland over the past few days has been appalling and it is tragic for all the people in Northern Ireland ... We have been trying ... to do the best in good faith in a situation in which all the options available are difficult and hard."

Mr Blair faced tough questions from the nationalist SDLP, whose three MPs were infuriated by the Drumcree decision. Seamus Mallon, the party's deputy leader and MP for Newry and Armagh, said that the implication of the weekend was that decisions over marches were made "on the threat of greater paramilitary force and on the threat of greater destruction".

Mr Blair later held talks with John Hume, the SDLP leader, and Mr Mallon. Mr Hume requested the meeting after an acrimonious meeting with Dr Mowlam on Tuesday.

Andrew Hunter, former chairman of the Tory Northern Ireland backbench committee, welcomed the decision to send more troops. The MP for Basingstoke said: "It is a tragedy, but given the evidence in Northern Ireland it is quite right for the Government to respond in this way. It is a great reflection of the needs on the ground."

BA staff go sick rather than strike

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BA check-in desks that dominate the departure lounge of Terminal One were all manned, but devoid of passengers — who chose instead to form a long, perspiring queue snaking towards the information desk.

Outside, the stewardesses who might normally have been serving their meals were forming what union leaders described as "the best-looking picket line in industrial relations history". One picket said: "I may lose my job, I may get fined but British Airways are not going to force us strikers to look anything but our best."

But the chic outfits and immaculate make-up belied their determination to fight a deal which they say means they must work longer hours for less pay. Jean Smithson, 47, said: "I am an articulate middle-class mother-of-two and I don't want to spend my time standing on a street corner, but what choice do I have ? BA say their deal means my basic salary goes up by £2,000 to £26,000 but what they don't say is that I will lose over £4,000 a year in allowances."

Two stranded passengers waiting at Heathrow

Ministers and industry fear that strike habit will spread

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE British Airways strike will lead government ministers and employers to ask: where next? Will there now be industrial action elsewhere?

Employers are concerned that the return of a Labour Government may be followed by an increase in strikes — even though this Labour Government is less union-influenced than any in history.

Trends in the labour market will have an impact. As unemployment falls, and the number of jobs rises, employees are more prepared to make a push on issues such as pay. Equally, with inflation set to rise, pay pressures will mount.

Local government has often been a trouble-spot, but unions have just concluded a deal for council workers which includes a £4 minimum wage. The private sector pacemaker Rover has also reached a pay agreement.

But areas of trouble ahead might include:

☐ **Post Office:** services were hit by strikes last year. Working parties set up to resolve the issue of teamworking are proceeding slowly.

☐ **Rail and Tube:** unions have been mounting sporadic industrial action in the privatised rail companies and this is likely to continue.

☐ **Health service:** NHS unions would like a restructuring of health service pay, but do not forecast trouble.

☐ **Fire services:** Local fire services have seen area strikes over the past year or so, of which the dispute in Essex was the most recent. Firefighters will protect their earnings-linked pay formula.

☐ **Banks:** Job-cutting by the banks in the face of widespread use of computer technology is increasing unrest. But unionisation levels in banks are low.

☐ **Utilities:** "fat-cat" pay rises in utilities are stoking up employee dissatisfaction.

NEWS IN BRIEF

First official red-light zone allowed

Britain's first officially recognised red-light district is to be established in Sheffield later this year. Prostitutes will be allowed to operate within a designated area close to the city centre without fear of harassment by police

The exact location will be chosen by the city council after consultations with police, residents and business owners. The decision follows complaints from people living in inner city areas about prostitutes plying their trade outside their homes.

Four die in fire

Four members of a family, including a five-year-old girl, died in a fire at their house in Lambeg on the outskirts of south Belfast. Those killed were Jean and Maurice McKinstry, in their fifties, their daughter, Debbie, 22, due to marry this Saturday, and her child, Christina.

Gay ministers

Men and women in active homosexual relationships can become serving ministers, as long as their local church does not object, the United Reformed Church has decided. But it failed to reach a decision on the suitability of active homosexuals and lesbians for ministerial training.

Door deadline

Rail companies have been told to phase out more quickly "slam-door" trains of the type blamed for some of the 35 deaths in the Clapham train crash. The Health and Safety Executive wants the 2007 deadline for replacing or improving 2,300 carriages moved forward four years.

Sentence doubts

A Crown appeal is being considered against a sentence of 200 hours' community service given to a husband who stabbed his unfaithful wife to death. David Swinburne, of Blantyre, Lanarkshire, had admitted the culpable homicide of his wife, Margaret, at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Solicitors get help to cut complaints

By Our Legal
Correspondent

LEADERS of the solicitors' profession yesterday launched a drive to improve the way solicitors communicate with clients and cut the 19,000 complaints a year about the profession.

The Law Society, the professional body for 65,000 solicitors in England and Wales, is under pressure to improve its record or face possible government action — with the risk of losing the right to handle its own complaints.

Yesterday the society and the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors announced an initiative in which every solicitor will receive a guide on how to "think like clients" and preempt common causes of dissatisfaction.

Geoff Hoon, the junior minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, attended the launch. He welcomed the move but confirmed that the newly organised Office for the Supervision of Solicitors was under scrutiny.

He said: "My experience from constituents has been very great dissatisfaction with the previous system of handling complaints and I do home the new office will change that. This guide should make a valuable contribution both to reduce the numbers of complaints or resolve them speedily."

Mr Hoon added that the former Solicitors Complaints Bureau had tended sometimes "to find reasons why it should not pursue complaints rather than reasons as to why it should".

Councils may face £1m bill in refugee case

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

LOCAL authorities in London face a potential £1 million bill after a High Court ruling yesterday that a council's cash payments to single asylum seekers denied state benefits were unlawful.

Mr Justice Laws said the payments — made by the London borough of Fulham and Hammersmith to asylum seekers finding it hard to live while their claims for refugee status were considered — had never been properly authorised.

The latest ruling could cost the capital's local authorities "over a million pounds" in money they fear they cannot now claw back from the Government.

Mr Justice Laws said the Department of Health had correctly argued the payments should never have been made as they had never been contemplated under the National Assistance Act 1948. The judge said the law only allowed councils "to make arrangements" for the provision of food, shelter and the basics of life to asylum seekers - "and nothing else".

Later, Stephen Burke, chair of the council's social services committee, said the authority was housing some 150 single asylum seekers — roughly half in hostels and half in bed and breakfast hotels — and making cash payments of £30 a week per person for food and toiletries. It made the payments in cash rather than provide all the meals and the necessaries of life, such as toiletries.

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Crossword Championship 1997

The Times Crossword Championship 1997 will take place at the first Mind Sports Olympiad, at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Sunday August 24 between 3pm and 6.30pm.

This year's championship will be in a new format. It will be launched with a qualifying puzzle which will be published in *The Times* next Thursday, July 17. Readers who solve this qualifier will then be invited to the Royal Festival Hall to compete in further rounds for the chance to become this year's champion.

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Three friends died as storm hit yacht

Survivor tells inquest how men were swept away. Stephen Farrell reports

THE SOLE survivor of a *sailing tragedy watched* helplessly as force nine gales swept three of his friends overboard to their deaths.

Sergeant Martin Humble, 30, wept yesterday at the *inquest on his* two Metropolitan Police colleagues — the boat's skipper, Detective Constable Tony Upton, 35, PC Joseph Charnley, 35 — and David Asquith, 18, Constable Upton's nephew. Their 35ft yacht *Fairview Two* was hit by heavy storms on February 19 in the Solent off the Needles, a channel described by coastguards as an "evil place".

Sergeant Humble told how the boat capsized twice on the final leg of a five-day pleasure cruise, washing Constable Upton and David Asquith out to sea and leaving PC Charnley hanging to the boat by his leg with his face in the water.

Although he twice sent emergency calls giving the vessel's name and location, the radio was waterlogged and coastguards only received "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday — can anyone receive me?"

He told John Matthews, the Isle of Wight Coroner, that Constable Upton had received a weather fax that morning warning of force seven to force eight winds, gusting to force nine, but the crew decided to proceed to "test" themselves. In fact the storms reached force ten.

"As we approached the Needles, Tony Upton checked the compass and told us to steer 180 degrees to starboard. By now it was impossible to communicate because of the noise of the waves. We could only make ourselves heard by shouting," Sergeant Humble said. "Suddenly an enormous wave hit us on the port side. It was two times as high as anything else and had a very steep face. We rolled up part of it and then capsized. I surfaced still attached to a lifeline and saw Tony was 25ft away with his lifejacket inflated. He didn't make any attempt to swim. Thirty seconds later the boat righted itself and David and PC Charnley got back on board."

They watched as Constable Upton drifted away, powerless to help because the engines had failed. Sergeant Humble went to send the Mayday, and was about to return when the boat capsized again, throwing David Asquith overboard. "I tried to throw a fender to him but after a couple of minutes of swimming he stopped. I then noticed PC Charnley's boot trapped by the side of the boat and saw he was hanging upside down in the water. "I tried to pull him clear but his face was blue and I assumed he was dead. There were no signs of life on him." Sergeant Humble remained trapped on board with the body of PC Charnley for four hours as the dismasted yacht drifted past the Isle of Wight coast. It was eventually seen near Gurnard and the alarm was raised. Lifeboat crews launched a search for the missing men. Their bodies were found later.

The group — the adults were members of the Metropolitan Police Sailing Club — had chartered the boat intending to sail down the coast to Weymouth. However, bad weather forced them to stop at Poole, Dorset, where a fifth crew member, WPC Jane Turner, got off suffering from seasickness.

Mr Matthews, recording verdicts of accidental death, said a combination of factors was to blame: an error of judgment in deciding to sail through the Needles Channel instead of a safer northern route, the size of the waves that struck the boat, and the failure of the Mayday messages to give the boat's location.

"It is a matter of great regret to me that three splendid men should have come to the end of their lives in such a way," he said.

The yacht *Fairview Two*, in which two Metropolitan policemen and a young man died last February, after being brought to the surface and beached. Below, Sergeant Humble at the inquest yesterday

Pupil in French crash comforts driver of coach

By Adrian Lee and Susan Bell

THE *last of the injured pupils* to return home after the fatal school bus crash in France visited the driver in hospital yesterday before her departure. Laura England, 15, who has fractured vertebrae, left hospital in Moûtiers on a stretcher.

Laura visited Jim Shaw, 43, who was being treated for broken ribs and bruising. Nickey Gale, a PE teacher who had stayed behind to comfort Miss England, said: "Laura wanted to tell him that he should not blame himself for what happened. She understands the predicament he is in. He was very moved by what she said.

"If you had seen the road and how narrow it was you would know that we don't blame him at all." Two boys and a girl died in the crash.

The road through the Alps in the Haute Savoie region was 12 ft wide at the point where the 25-seat coach fell into a ravine on Monday. Warning signs had been posted on the route stating that it was narrow and unsuitable for some large vehicles.

The French police investigation into the crash continued yesterday but there were no indications that Mr Shaw would face criminal charges, British Embassy officials in Moûtiers said. A statement was issued on behalf of Mr Shaw yesterday in which he expressed his regret over the accident and extended his condolences to the bereaved.

Andy Leigh, the leader of the party from St James's School, Farnworth, near Bolton, who is head of PE, said that the children were all heroes. "Each one has a story to tell about what they did and all of them were so brave."

David Bowes, the head teacher, said Laura, who had been thrown from the coach in the crash, "bounced" down the mountainside. Despite her injuries she scrambled up the hill to call for help and helped the alpine instructors to give heart massage to her dying friend Nicola Moore.

☐ German police were yesterday searching for a hit-and-run driver who forced a British double-decker coach carrying Oxford schoolchildren to crash on a narrow road in the Black Forest. Six pupils from St Augustine's School, aged between 13 and 15, were taken to hospital and one boy was held overnight to monitor for chest injuries. Police praised the quick reactions of the British driver, Barry Smith, 44.

Laura England leaving the hospital yesterday

We were so in love, Andrews told police

By A Staff Reporter

TRACIE ANDREWS, accused *of the roadside murder of her* fiancé, Lee Harvey, told police that they were deeply in love despite arguments.

Birmingham Crown Court has heard that the couple had a tempestuous relationship and the prosecution claims that Mr Harvey's murder was the final episode in their affair. He was stabbed to death near their home in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, after they had spent an evening at a pub.

Miss Andrews, 28, told police: "We have had our *arguments and split up a few* times, when Lee would go back to his parents' house, but we always got back together and love each other very much.

"Lee is a very friendly, outgoing person. He's outspoken and speaks his mind no matter who is there. He's an extremely kind, loving person."

She admitted that they had a tiff on the day of the murder, but said it was "nothing major". They had been their "normal selves" at the pub, she said, talking about their children from previous relationships. She told detectives that Mr Harvey had made a snide comment about the father of her six-year-old daughter, but they had not argued. "I suppose Lee's just *jealous over the fact that I was* with the other man."

In the police interviews she was unable to explain numerous discrepancies in her description of the murder, which she said was carried out by a passenger in a Sierra which had chased their car.

Officers told her they had found a substantial clump of blonde hair, like hers, close to Mr Harvey's body. "I don't know who pulled my hair. My hair comes out easily anyway," she said.

Miss Andrews denies murder. The trial continues.

Expelled boy, 12, tried to set fire to headteacher's car

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy with a grudge against teachers tried to set fire to his headteacher's car as his mother sat in a school meeting about his future, a court was told yesterday.

He dropped lighted matches into the petrol tank of the Vauxhall Cavalier. *When it* failed to ignite he smashed the car's windows and bodywork, causing about £1,000 of damage.

Five days after being expelled for the incident the boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, returned to the school in Horwich, Bolton, and threw a brick through the windscreen of the deputy head's car, causing £300 of damage. The boy appeared before a *youth court at Bolton* yesterday, handcuffed to a security guard, and admitted a series of offences against the teachers and school property. The damage totalled £1,840. Sentencing was adjourned to July 30 for social and psychiatric reports.

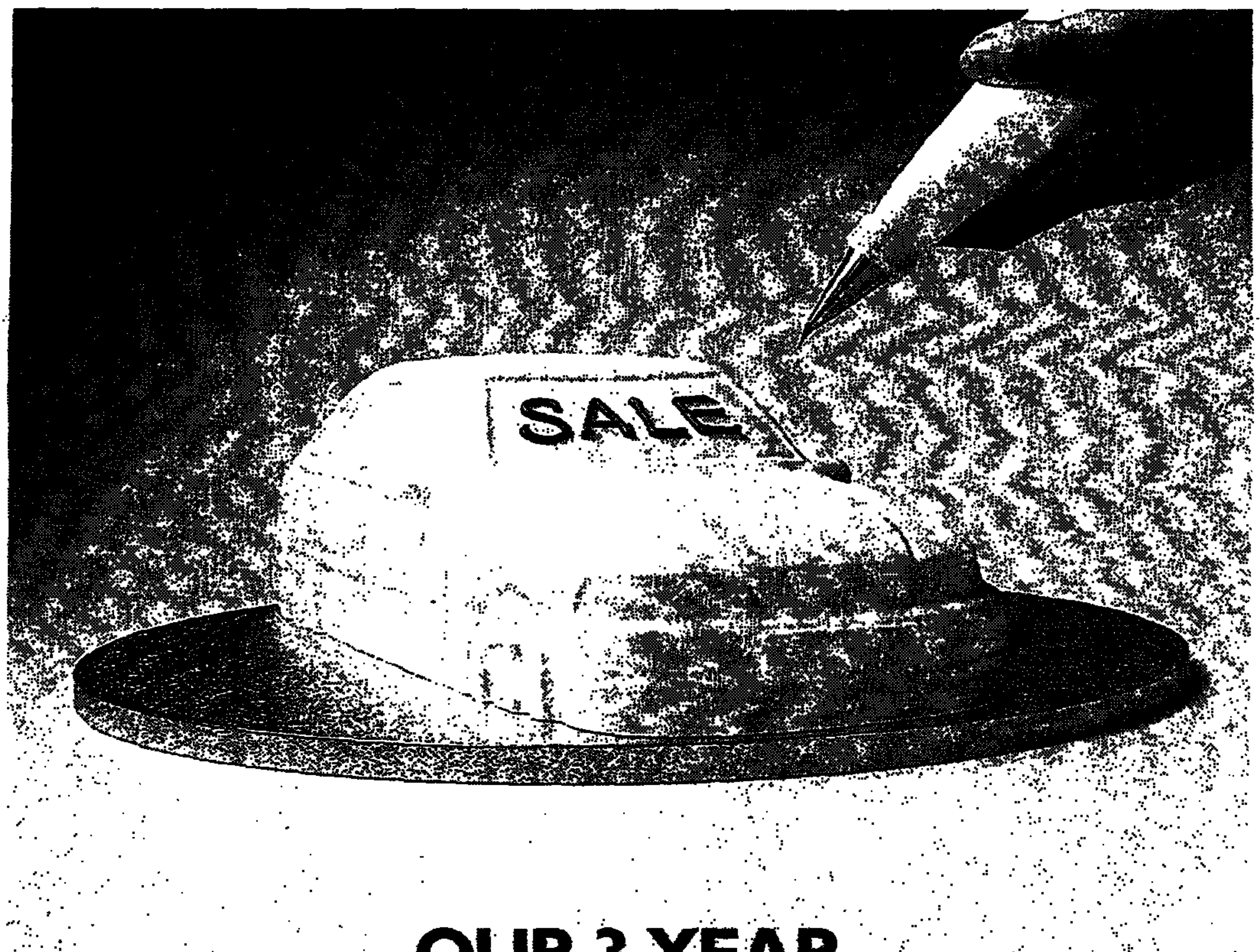
After the hearing Stewart Jackson, of Bolton Education Authority, said the boy had been suspended from the school for 10 days after setting fire to curtains.

"In the middle of that period there was an annual review, with the head, the parents and the child present," he said.

"But he left the meeting and that is when he damaged *the car of the head teacher*. Luckily the head had filled up his car because it was Budget Day, because the fireman said that if it had been half-empty and full of vapours, it would have gone up, not only in the boy's face but could have been a *danger for everyone*."

Mr Jackson said a suitable alternative school was being *sought for the boy, who had* "quite serious emotional and behavioural problems".

He was released on bail with conditions not to go within a mile of the school, not to go out without an adult and to have no contact directly or indirectly with the headmaster.



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Los Angeles	BA269/BA268 BA279/BA278 BA283/BA282
Johannesburg & Durban	BA055/BA054
Johannesburg & Gaberone	BA055/BA054
Johannesburg	BA057/BA056
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Singapore	BA015/BA016

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Bahrain & Abu Dhabi	BA125/BA124
Tokyo	BA005/BA006 BA007/BA008
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Hong Kong & Taipei	BA025/BA026
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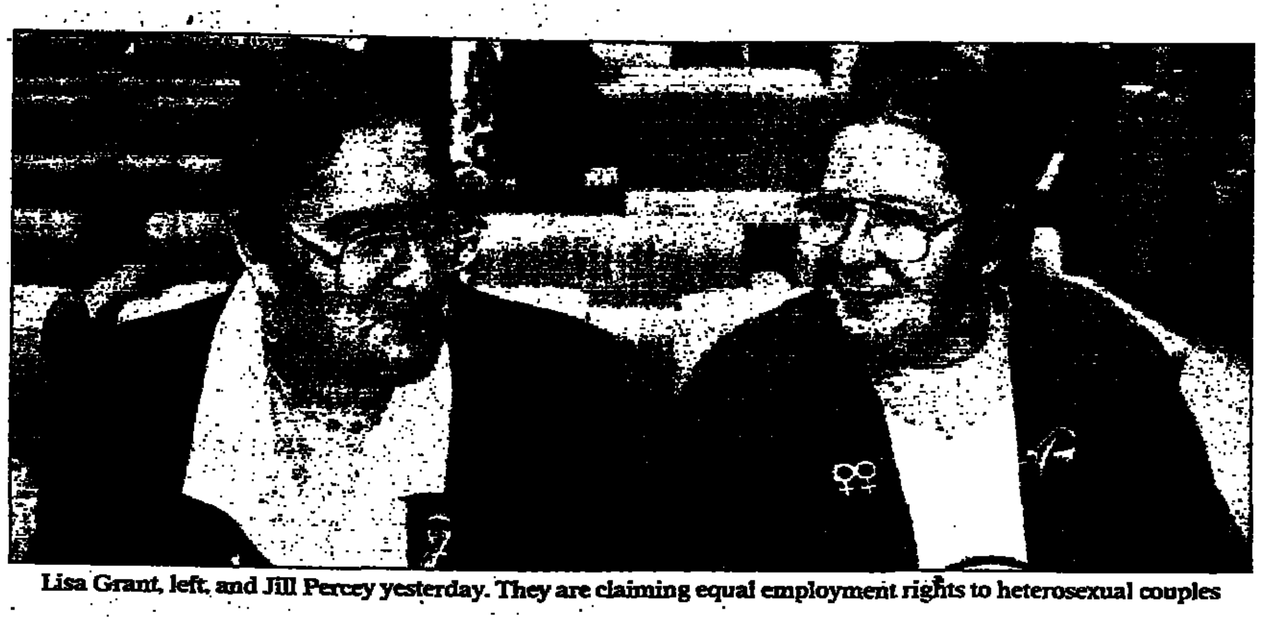

Lisa Grant, left, and Jill Percey yesterday. They are claiming equal employment rights to heterosexual couples

Booth takes on Blair in lesbian rights case

FROM CHARLES BREMNER
IN LUXEMBOURG

Cherie Booth at the European Court yesterday

CHERIE BOOTH deployed her legal talents before the European Court yesterday, pleading the cause of lesbian rights and crossing swords with her husband's Government.

Fifteen cherry-robed judges gazed down from their high bench in the Luxembourg courtroom on Ms Booth, QC, as she insisted, sometimes with passion, that European law on sexual discrimination must be extended by them to cover the spouse's travel benefits of Lisa Grant, 29, a lesbian employee of South West Trains.

Many of the judges, as well as sightseeing lawyers on the public benches, were clearly intrigued by the little piece of history in the making as a British Prime Minister's wife not only pleaded in an international court, but against her husband's Government, albeit indirectly. Standing tall in high-heeled shoes and barrister's wig, Ms Booth insisted that "a human being cannot be penalised for choosing to express their sexual identity". She added: "The right to human intimacy is a basic human right and I would suggest a fundamental human need."

She opposed the British Government's opinion on the case — that the EU has no power to regulate over the sexual orientation of workers — and welcomed the decision by European leaders at last month's Amsterdam summit to expand EU guarantees on freedom from discrimination.

Ms Booth's client is a railway telephone information employee who is suing South West Trains for refusing to grant Jill Percey, 38, a nurse and her partner of five years, the same free travel pass that it extends to heterosexual couples, whether married or unmarried. Stonewall, the lesbian rights group, engaged Ms Booth and her team to fight the case, which was sent to Luxembourg last year by a local tribunal.

Ms Percey said Ms Booth had been engaged as the "leading QC on discrimination law". Ms Booth was one of seven British barristers at the hearing. Their wigged heads and m'lud manners contrasted with the continental court, which has the feel of an upmarket Odeon. Banks of interpreters translated Ms Booth's light, Liverpool-accented tones into the EU's ten other official languages as she fought it out with counsel for the train company and the Government.

Ms Booth spoke for half an hour, pressing an argument that "South West Trains' policy is based on the stereotype that men live with female partners and women with a male partner and not partners of the same sex". The case was simply a matter of sexual discrimination, covered by Article 117 of the Treaty of Rome, she said. Ms Grant's male predecessor had received £1,000 a year more "pay" because he had benefited from the travel pass in that value for his woman partner, Ms Booth said.

Her arguments flew in the face of the new Government's representation to the court. Patrick Elias, QC, for the Government, rejected Ms Booth's approach, but softened the original argument, which was sent to the European court under the Conservative administration. The new Government now supported the extension of laws to guarantee equal treatment of homosexuals, he said, but these must be devised delicately, taking into account religious and other sensitivities. "This ... should not be decided by your lordships by artificially extending a concept of sexual discrimination."

Ms Booth's case was rejected as "fallacious" by Nicholas Underhill, QC, for the train company. European law referred to gender, not to orientation, he said. He summed up: "It's a question of who you are, not who you prefer." The company was within its rights to restrict free travel to heterosexuals.

The notoriously tardy European Court of Justice is to offer a preliminary ruling, in the form of an "opinion" by Michael Bendick Elmer, its Advocate General, in September. A final decision may come by the end of the year.

Robbers who terrorised train commuters jailed for 10 years

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Christina Haynes had a gun pushed in her face

TWO men who held up a railway carriage of London commuters with an imitation gun and a machete were each jailed for ten years yesterday.

Anthony Baxter, 27, and his half-brother, Aaron, 20, stole £300 and spent the money on drugs within hours of their attack on the 18.12 from Charing Cross to Dartford, Kent, last October. Some of their victims still have nightmares and others will not travel on public transport.

The two were caught with the help of film from closed-circuit television cameras covering the rail and Underground network.

Judge Henry Blacksell, QC, told the brothers, both from Deptford, south London, that they had picked on ordinary members of the public, the young and the old. He said passengers were told they could be shot and one was hit with the flat side of the machete blade. "You terrorised them and you knew what you were doing. You forced them to give up their personal belongings and you did not care. Their hurt, loss, fear and trauma means a deterrent sentence has to be passed."

Aaron Baxter was also jailed for a further nine months to run consecutively for escaping from a magistrates' court while he was being committed for trial. Anthony Baxter was jailed for three months to run consecutively for kicking and punching a prison officer during his brother's escape. At the time both men were on licence from sentences for previous crimes involving firearms.

The two attacked more than 30 passengers as the train sped between London Bridge station and Deptford. One of them pointed the imitation pistol at the head and face of passengers at close range.

Yesterday the court was told that Anthony Baxter was a heroin and crack cocaine addict. His brother also used crack cocaine. They were raised on the Pepys Estate in Deptford, one of the most crime-ridden areas in south London. Both have a long list of convictions.

The Baxters were caught after detectives searched film from more than 500 television cameras covering London Bridge, Waterloo and Charing Cross stations on the night of the robbery. Using descriptions given by passengers, they spotted the men on film of the concourse at Waterloo. They then began to trace the men's journey across the rail network and eventually put together a complete film of the men station by station.

The two men knew the cameras were operating but tried to keep their faces out of sight. However, they did not bother when they began their journey at Holloway North Underground station, thinking they could not be traced back that far.

Five days after the robbery, police began circulating pictures of the men. Then Anthony Baxter's girlfriend, Georgina Clark, went to police. She had travelled with the brothers on the night of the robbery but did not take part. Although a convicted criminal herself, she was scared by the incident and prepared to give evidence. She is now in hiding.

Police also discovered that the men had left fingerprints in the carriage because they had not bothered to wear gloves and could be identified by passengers who noticed them acting suspiciously.

Faced with the prosecution evidence, the Baxters decided on the second day of their trial to plead guilty.

Half-brothers Aaron, left, and Anthony Baxter spent their spoils on drugs shortly after the attack

'I THOUGHT RAID WAS A STUNT'

One of the victims, Christina Haynes, 18, who had been travelling to her home in southeast London, said last night: "At first, I was not at all frightened, because I thought it was all a joke, or part of a student rag-week stunt. It is not the kind of thing you expect to happen on a commuter train." But as the two robbers advanced through the carriage, screaming and shouting, she put her rings in her pocket and pushed her bracelets up her sleeves. "Then one of them put a gun to my face and I knew they were deadly serious. He asked me for cash and I gave him all I had. I asked him if I could keep my purse, as I had personal things in it I didn't want to lose, and he allowed me to do so. One man tried to be a have-a-go hero and stood up to confront them, but he backed off when they threatened him."

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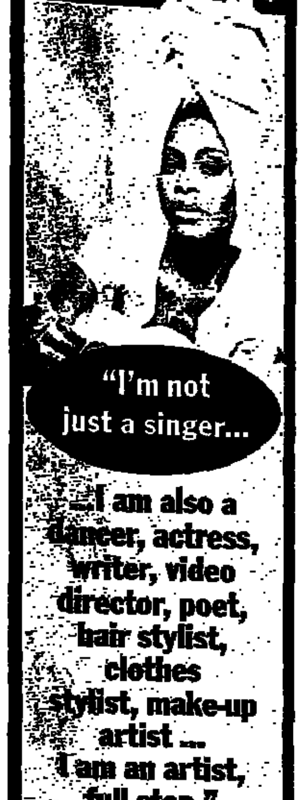

"I'm not just a singer... ...I am also a dancer, actress, writer, video director, poet, hair stylist, clothes stylist, make-up artist ... I am an artist, full stop."

Alan Jackson meets Erykah Badu, the new Billie Holiday

MAGAZINE

Why parents are £50,000 out of pocket

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE average child in Britain will have cost its parents £50,000 in food, clothing and leisure by the age of 17, according to a report commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and based on the living standards of more than 1,200 children and their parents.

It shows that there is little difference in the overall average spending on children from rich and poor families, and from two or one-parent households.

Sue Middleton, one of the report's authors, said that the findings demonstrated to what extent parents — particularly poor parents — are prepared to make sacrifices rather than see their children go without. "Children in one-parent families get only 10 per cent less spent on them than those in two-parent families," she said.

The survey, the first of its kind, will have far-reaching implications for policy makers at a time when the Government has ordered a radical rethink of the welfare system in an attempt to cut the £90 billion social security budget. It shows that many of the calculations used by the benefits agencies and the Child Support Agency underestimate the real costs incurred by parents in rearing children.

Food is by far the largest element, accounting for more than a third of spending; it varies very little according to the economic circumstances of the family. Spending on activities and holidays takes up a fifth of spending and birthdays and Christmas a further tenth. Children receive, on average, more than £250 of presents at Christmas, of which just under £100 is provided by people other than parents. Lone parents and parents on income support spend almost as much as other parents. Parents spend an average of £83 on birthdays, with children of secondary school age receiving by far the most.

The survey also shows that parents spend significant amounts on their children's supposedly free state education, reaching an average of almost £6 a week when children are at secondary school. This does not include the cost of school uniforms, meals or travel. More than half the spending goes on what might be regarded as essential elements of a child's education, such as school trips and extra lessons, as well as contributions towards books and equipment.

Ms Middleton said that the findings undermined many of the assumptions about how much children cost, which are routinely used for the calculation of state benefits such as child benefit, income support allowances and family credit. The survey discovered, for example, that income support would cover just over half of what is spent on a child aged under 11 years. And although parents spend more on children as they get older, the study shows that the increase is nowhere near as much as is suggested by the age differentials in income support allowances used by the Department of Social Security to calculate benefit levels.

"This means that younger children are severely disadvantaged in benefit calculations when compared with older children," Ms Middleton said. "The age differentials are also used by the Child Support Agency in calculating maintenance levels for children, which must also disadvantage younger children."

To protect their children from poverty and to keep spending on them as close as possible to the national average, parents constantly make sacrifices for them. Over half of all mothers sometimes go without new clothes, shoes and entertainment in order to provide for their children. One in 20 mothers sometimes goes without food.

PARENTS' SPENDING BY AGE OF CHILD

	Babies		Pre-school		Primary		Secondary	
	Mean £s	%	Mean £s	%	Mean £s	%	Mean £s	%
Food	13.95	32	16.08	39	17.78	38	21.70	41
Clothes	7.45	17	5.26	13	4.12	9	3.51	7
Nappies	6.63	15	1.81	4	*	*	*	*
School	*	*	*	*	3.85	8	5.82	11
Activities	1.98	4	2.40	6	5.75	12	4.97	9
Babysitting	0.42	1	1.01	2	0.58	1	0.37	1
Telephone	*	*	*	*	0.15	0	0.72	1
Other regular spending	5.91	13	5.97	14	3.32	7	3.72	7
Other money	0.36	1	0.24	1	0.42	1	1.41	3
Christmas	2.38	5	2.59	6	3.06	7	4.03	8
Birthdays	1.36	3	1.62	4	1.49	3	1.85	4
Holidays/day trips/outings	3.77	9	4.30	10	5.78	12	4.28	8
Average per week	44.21	100	41.28	99	46.30	99	52.38	100
Childcare	7.64	17	10.52	25	3.16	7	0.86	2
Average per week including childcare	51.85		51.80		49.46		53.24	
Base	1,173		1,627		4,381		3,282	

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Firearms offences double on Merseyside

BY TIM JONES

RISING crime is making Merseyside and the South West among the most lawless areas, according to a government report yesterday. The number of offences recorded in which firearms were used more than doubled in those regions between 1991 and 1995 but nearly halved in London.

However, the robbery rate in London in 1995 was twice that of Merseyside, the region with the second highest figures, the Regional Trends survey showed. Overall, the North East had the highest crime rate in England and Wales, with 12,709 crimes per 100,000 people.

Life expectancy for women living in East Anglia or the South of England is higher than for women in the North of England. This might be for social and economic reasons. More than a quarter of households in the North East were on family credit or income support in 1995-96. In the North West, people were least likely to eat vegetables or fruit on at least five days a week. Overall, women can expect to live until they are 79, five years longer than men.

☐ *Regional Trends*, prepared by Office for National Statistics. Stationery Office, £37.50.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Toddler drowns in nursery play area

A toddler aged 21 months drowned in a few inches of rainwater when he crawled onto a tarpaulin covering an ornamental pond at a children's nursery. The pond had been built for an episode of the BBC drama series *All Quiet on the Preston Front*, which was filmed at the 19th-century farmhouse near Horwich, Lancashire.

Staff told police that they had gathered children for a tracing game on the terrace when they discovered the victim. Alexander Rae was the only child of a single mother who placed him at the moorland nursery, which cares for 11 children, when she returned to work.

Officer remanded

Michael Coulton, a former member of the Royal Protection and Diplomatic Squad, has appeared before Maidenhead magistrates accused of murdering his wife. Her body was found in her car at a nursing home in Berkshire in January. He was remanded in custody until July 17.

Twins' progress

Siamese twins separated in a six-hour operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, last month may be well enough to go home with their parents to Cheshire at the end of the week. The girls, born in April, were joined at the abdomen and shared a liver.

Boy cleared

A schoolboy was cleared of causing the death of a baby he was looking after. The boy, who was 14 at the time, had been accused of the manslaughter of Calum Bryan, six months, who died last July. However, the prosecution offered no evidence against the boy at Preston Crown Court.

Bobbies on bleat

A town police force has bought 30 whistles to use for crowd control in emergencies. The traditional silver-coloured policeman's whistle has not been issued to Brighton officers since the early 1980s, but is said to be "cheap and extremely effective in drawing the attention of crowds."

Go-slow thieves

Thieves stole what looked like two souped-up go-karts — and then wrecked and dumped them after discovering they had a top speed of 15 mph. The fuel-efficient vehicles were developed by pupils at Edlington School, Doncaster, for the Shell Mileage Marathon at Silverstone on July 18.

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Sterilised mother who had baby wins £100,000

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A MOTHER who was unaware she was pregnant with her fourth child when she had a sterilisation operation made legal history yesterday when the High Court awarded her more than £100,000 against a consultant gynaecologist.

Mr Justice Langley ruled that Michael Burke had "taken his eye off the ball" when he failed to advise Lesley Crouchman that the operation in July 1991 should be delayed until she had taken a pregnancy test.

Mrs Crouchman, 41, was 16 weeks pregnant when she discovered the truth and, as a Roman Catholic, she had "understandably" decided it was too late to have an abortion which, by that stage, could only have been performed by induction of labour.

Mr Burke, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, had "fallen below the minimum standard to be expected from a consultant gynaecologist in communicating with his patient", the judge ruled.

Mrs Crouchman, of Wallsend, North Tyneside, was awarded £113,982 against the consultant, of which £102,521 is to cover the cost of bringing up her son, Matthew, to the age of 21. The court was told that Matthew is much loved by his family. The judge said £5,000 of the award was for the "shock and distress" his mother suffered when she found she was pregnant.

Mrs Crouchman's solicitor, Ian Sheridan, said later that the judge's ruling "extends medical negligence liability to a sterilisation operation carried out when the woman has already conceived, unknown to herself or the gynaecologist".

Mrs Crouchman and her husband, a civil engineer, already had three children and had decided their family was complete before she underwent the laparoscopic clip sterilisation operation at Nuffield Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, the judge said.

She had the year before suffered an ectopic pregnancy and the couple had been using condoms. Mr Burke had told the court during a seven-day hearing last month that the chances of her being pregnant at the time of the operation was one in 40,000. But the judge said that there was always some risk of pregnancy where sterilisation was carried out in the second half of a woman's menstrual cycle and condoms were "well known to be fallible".

He accepted that Mrs Crouchman had told Mr Burke her period was late and that, had she been warned she might be pregnant, she would have opted for the operation being delayed so she could undergo a pregnancy test.

The judge said that Mrs Crouchman was a "straightforward and truthful witness" and that had she known of her pregnancy earlier she would have gone ahead with an abortion. When they were told of the pregnancy, both she and her husband were gravely concerned that the foetus might have been damaged by the sterilisation operation.

In the event Matthew was born completely healthy. "Mrs Crouchman said, as did her husband, and I unhesitatingly accept, that once she had seen the foetus on the scan she could not even contemplate a termination, which would have required induction of labour," the judge said.

WOMAN DROPS SPINA BIFIDA CASE

A woman who claimed that she would have had an abortion had she known that she was carrying a baby with spina bifida discontinued her High Court action against North Essex Health Authority for damages yesterday. Margaret Wigger gave birth to Carly in March 1982 after an amniocentesis result had assured her that all was well with the pregnancy — despite contrary evidence from blood tests. Mrs Wigger, 40, said that staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, should have referred her to a specialist centre for further investigation. The health authority had denied liability.

JAMES HORTON

Lesley Crouchman and her husband leaving the High Court last month during her case against a gynaecologist

Schools are told they need lesson in how to teach

By John O'Leary, education editor

TEACHER training departments and many schools will need to change the way they teach reading and basic mathematics if the Government's improvement targets are to be met, the Chief Inspector of Schools said yesterday.

Chris Woodhead, launching two videos to instruct schools on successful teaching of literacy and numeracy, said he believed the 40 per cent improvement demanded by ministers was "likely but not certain" to be achieved.

But the leap in standards would require an acceptance of methods still shunned by many in education, he said.

Woodhead: launched videos to help teachers

The videos, which include three inner-city primary schools among six featured, concentrate on traditional classroom practice, such as whole-class teaching and the use of phonics (sounding out letters) to teach reading. Mr Woodhead said: "If we can find a way to disseminate these methods, it is perfectly possible that 80 per cent of our children should be able to hit the target by 2002."

Only 54 per cent of 11-year-olds reached the expected standard for their age group in mathematics and 58 per cent in English in last summer's national tests. This week's Schools White Paper confirmed that the Government expected 80 per cent to do so by the end of this Parliament.

But recently qualified teachers featured in the films said that their training had left them unable to teach reading effectively. The use of phonics was still frowned upon and dismissed as "barking at print". Melanie Irwin, a nursery teacher at Kobi Nazrul Primary School, in Tower Hamlets, east London, said: "Everything I have learned about teaching reading I have picked up on the job."

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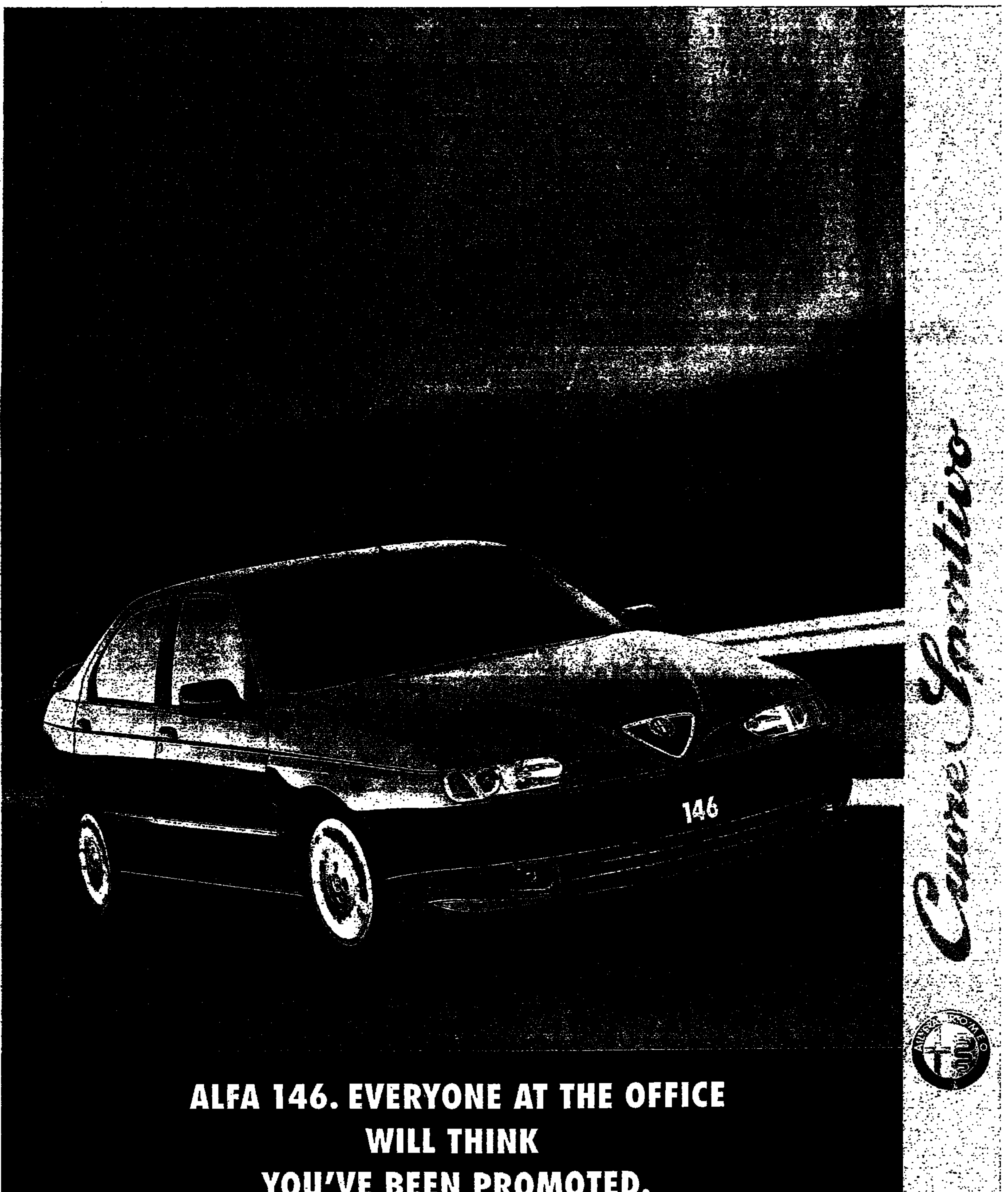

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New standards set for hospital care

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

HOSPITALS are to be judged by standards of medical care rather than administrative efficiency, the Government said yesterday.

The latest set of criteria will assess not how quickly patients arriving in casualty are greeted by a nurse, but how good their treatment is likely to be. The switch in emphasis was announced with the publication of the fourth and last set of National Health Service performance indicators.

The indicators, a scheme set up by the Tories and attacked by Labour when in opposition, are to stay, but in a different form based on clinical criteria. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said that old-style indicators encouraged the NHS to "play the numbers game". "We want to move away from that culture and look at NHS performance in the round," he told a health conference in Bournemouth.

The current system, under the Patient's Charter, says that patients must be assessed within five minutes of arriving in accident and emergency departments. New standards will be introduced on October 1. Mr Dobson said: "It will help to ensure that patients are properly assessed, and treated according to clinical priority.

"The current arrangements — which have led to the appointment of a 'hello nurse', simply to greet people as they arrive in A&E — are widely regarded as a sham. And people working in A&E tell me it has exacerbated the abuse and assaults to which they are exposed."

The British Medical Association and the NHS Executive have together drawn up 15 possible indicators. They go on trial in Wales next month and the Health Department is starting consultations with the medical professions.

The tests include such issues as deaths after operations, emergency readmissions after leaving hospital, wound infections after surgery, and hospital deaths after admission for heart attack. Some clinical indicators have been published in Scotland, where they have been widely welcomed.

Sir Rodney Sweetman, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, said yesterday that the new indicators could lead to seriously ill patients being turned away by some hospitals in case they died and gave them a bad clinical performance indicator.

☐ *The tables show: col 1, percentage of patients seen within 13 weeks of referral by GP; col 2, percentage of patients seen within 26 weeks; col 3, percentage of patients who did not attend appointments*

Stay-away patients cost NHS £500m

By Ian Murray

PATIENTS who fail to turn up for routine hospital appointments and day-care surgery are costing the National Health Service £500 million a year, Baroness Jay, the Health Minister, said yesterday.

The figures of non-attendance were collected and published nationally for the first time this year in the NHS performance indicators. Baroness Jay said: "The day-care operations alone cost £1,000 each."

Although patients were responsible for keeping appointments, poor management technique was a factor, she said. Some hospitals, for example, did not have an after-hours answerphone allowing patients to cancel appointments.

Alan Langlands, the chief executive of the NHS, said that the problem was almost eliminated where hospitals made an effort to ensure patients were reminded of appointments.

North Downs Community Health Trust in Farnham, Surrey, has the best record for patients keeping appointments, with only 1 per cent failing to turn up. "We do this by ensuring the timing is suitable for patients and sending out confirmation letters," said Lesley Forester, the director of nursing. "We also telephone parents two or three days before a child is to attend to remind them it is important for them to turn up."

The non-attendance rate tends to be higher at hospitals dealing with patients with learning disabilities and in inner-city areas.

Overall the average non-attendance rate is 15 per cent, but it is as high as 36 per cent at Lewisham and Guy's Mental Health Trust, and BHB Community Health Care NHS Trust in Barking, east London.

NORTHERN AND YORKSHIRE

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Bishop Auckland Hospitals	94 ****	100 *****	9 ****
Bradford Community Health	88 ***	94 **	23 —
Bradford Hospitals	82 ***	95 ***	10 ***
Calderdale Healthcare	82 ***	98 ****	12 ***
Carlisle Hospitals	89 ***	98 ****	6 —
Cheviot & Wansbeck	80 ***	100 *****	7 *****
City Hospitals Sunderland	76 **	99 ****	11 ***
Community Health Care: North Durham	85 ***	97 ***	22 —
Darlington Memorial Hospital	79 **	100 *****	8 ****
Dewsbury Healthcare	89 ***	100 *****	17 **
East Yorkshire Community Healthcare	88 ***	100 *****	3 —
East Yorkshire Hospitals	88 ***	98 ****	7 *****
Freeman Group of Hospitals	73 **	94 **	9 ****
Gateshead Healthcare	99 *****	100 *****	15 **
Gateshead Hospitals	94 ****	100 *****	11 —
Harrogate Healthcare	88 ***	99 ****	6 *****
Hartlepool & East Durham	94 ****	100 *****	10 ***
Huddersfield	82 ***	97 ***	8 ****
Hull & Holderness Community Health	86 ***	97 ***	29 *
Leeds Comm & Mental Health Services	92 —	98 —	26 —
Newcastle City Health	94 —	98 —	10 —
North Durham Acute Hospitals	77 **	95 ***	9 ****
North Lakeland Healthcare	81 ***	100 *****	15 **
North Tees Health	95 *****	99 ****	9 ****
North Tyneside Health Care	88 ***	96 ***	9 ****
Northallerton Health Services	85 ***	97 ***	6 *****
Northgate & Prudhoe	100 *****	100 *****	11 ***
Northumberland Community Health	— —	— —	— —
Northumberland Mental Health	92 ****	98 ****	13 —
Pinderfields Hospitals	81 ***	97 ***	8 ****
Pontefract Hospitals	94 ****	100 *****	8 ****
Priority Healthcare Wearside	95 *****	100 *****	12 ***
Royal Hull Hospitals	82 ***	95 ***	9 —
Royal Victoria Infirmary & Assoc Hospitals	79 **	95 ***	10 ***
St James's & Seacroft University Hospital	77 **	95 ***	15 **
Scarborough & North East Yorks H'care	83 ***	97 ***	6 *****
South Durham	89 ***	100 *****	20 —
South Tees Acute Hospitals	73 **	93 **	13 **
South Tees Community & Mental Health	100 *****	100 *****	16 **
South Tyneside Healthcare	88 ***	98 ****	11 ***
United Leeds Teaching Hospitals	86 ***	95 ***	12 ***
Wakefield & Pontefract Community Health	100 *****	100 *****	22 *
West Cumbria Healthcare	89 ***	98 ****	7 —
York Health Services	83 ***	96 ***	4 *****

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Barnsley Community & Priority Services	92 ****	100 *****	27 *
Barnsley District General Hospital	79 **	95 ***	12 ***
Bassetlaw Hospital & Community Services	92 ****	100 *****	7 *****
Central Nottinghamshire Healthcare	84 ***	100 *****	9 ****
Central Sheffield University Hospitals	85 ***	98 ****	11 ***
Chesterfield & N Derbyshire Royal Hosp	96 *****	100 *****	7 *****
Community Health Care Servs (N Derbys)	94 ****	100 *****	8 ****
Community Health Services - South Derbys	78 **	95 ***	7 *****
Community Health Sheffield	88 ***	98 ****	26 *
Derby City General Hospital	97 *****	100 *****	8 ****
Derbyshire Royal Infirmary	89 ***	96 ***	9 ****
Doncaster Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	26 *
Doncaster Royal Infirmary & Montagu Hosp	81 ***	96 ***	10 ***
Fosse Health	79 **	98 ****	7 *****
Glenfield Hospital	84 ***	98 ****	8 ****
Grantham & District Hospital	88 ***	96 ***	6 *****
King's Mill Centre for Health Care Servs	64 *	92 **	12 ***
Leicester General Hospital	85 ***	100 *****	8 ****
Leicester Royal Infirmary	84 ***	97 ***	11 ***
Leicestershire Mental Health Services	92 ****	99 ****	14 **
Lincoln & Louth	83 ***	98 ****	7 *****
Lincoln District Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	18 **
Mulberry	— —	— —	— —
North East Lincolnshire	84 ***	98 ****	10 —
Northern General Hospital	70 **	91 **	12 ***
Nottingham City Hospital	88 ***	99 ****	9 ****
Nottingham Community Health	— —	— —	16 **
Nottingham Healthcare	88 ***	90 **	21 *
Pilgrim Health	81 ***	94 **	9 ****
Queen's Med Centre Nottingham Univ Hosp	76 **	90 **	10 ***
Rotherham General Hospitals	81 ***	99 ****	11 ***
Rotherham Priority Health	93 ****	97 ***	17 **
Scunthorpe & Goole Hospitals	87 ***	100 *****	7 —
Scunthorpe Community Healthcare	98 —	100 —	25 —
Sheffield Children's Hospital	87 ***	96 ***	18 **
South Lincs Comm & Mental Health Services	99 *****	100 *****	24 *
Southern Derbyshire Mental Health	93 ****	98 ****	17 **
West Lindsey	91 ****	99 ****	8 ****
Weston Park Hospital	— —	— —	6 *****

WEST MIDLANDS

Alexandra Healthcare	95 *****	99 ****	7 *****
Birmingham Children's Hospital	73 **	93 **	16 **
Birmingham Heartlands & Solihull	93 ****	100 *****	15 **
Birmingham Women's Health Care	100 *****	100 *****	12 —
Black Country Mental Health	99 *****	100 *****	25 *
City Hospital	81 ***	99 ****	15 **
Coventry Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	16 **
Dudley Group of Hospitals	83 ***	96 ***	9 ****
Dudley Priority Health	95 *****	100 *****	22 *
First Community Health	— —	— —	— —
Foundation	81 ***	99 ****	32 *
George Eliot Hospital	91 ****	99 ****	8 ****
Good Hope Hospital	92 ****	99 ****	9 —
Hereford Hospitals	87 ***	99 ****	5 *****
Herefordshire Community Health	77 **	99 ****	9 ****
Kidderminster Healthcare	91 ****	100 *****	6 *****
Mid-Staffordshire General Hospitals	83 ***	96 ***	9 —
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	27 —
North Staffordshire Hospital	69 *	92 **	10 —
North Warwickshire	100 *****	100 *****	34 —
Northern Birmingham Community Health (NHS) Trust	— —	— —	— —
Northern Birmingham Mental Health	100 *****	100 *****	34 *
Premier Health	84 ***	98 ****	8 —
Princess Royal Hospital	65 *	94 **	11 ***
Queen's Hospital, Burton Hospitals	92 ****	100 *****	8 ****
Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital	70 **	91 **	8 ****
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital	92 ****	100 *****	13 —
Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals	71 **	98 ****	12 ***
Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals	73 **	95 ***	12 ***
Rugby	81 ***	99 ****	8 —
Sandwell Healthcare	78 **	95 ***	12 ***
Shropshire's Community Health Service	82 ***	99 ****	8 —
Shropshire's Mental Health	93 ****	100 *****	16 **
Solihull Healthcare	94 ****	97 ***	14 **
South Birmingham Mental Health	93 ****	100 *****	24 *
South Warwickshire General Hospitals	81 ***	99 ****	9 ****
South Warwickshire Health Care	99 *****	100 *****	8 ****
South Warwickshire Mental Health Servs	100 *****	100 *****	22 —
Southern Birmingham Community Health	89 ***	100 *****	20 *
University Hospital Birmingham	97 *****	100 *****	12 —
Walsall Community Health	100 *****	100 *****	18 **
Walsall Hospitals	91 ****	100 *****	7 *****
Walsgrave Hospitals	80 ***	95 ***	12 ***
Wolverhampton Health Care	93 ****	100 *****	24 *
Worcester Royal Infirmary	94 ****	99 ****	8 ****
Worcestershire Community Healthcare	71 **	97 ***	9 —

NORTH THAMES

Barnet Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	19 *
Basildon & Thurrock General Hospitals	95 *****	100 *****	10 ***
BHB Community Health Care	79 **	99 ****	36 *
Camden & Islington Comm Health Servs	90 —	98 —	14 —
Central Middlesex Hospital	92 ****	99 ****	24 *
Chase Farm Hospitals	79 **	97 ***	13 **
Chelsea & Westminster Healthcare	95 *****	99 ****	18 **
City & Hackney Community Services	97 *****	100 *****	27 *
Ealing Hospital	88 —	98 —	15 **
East Hertfordshire	85 ***	98 ****	9 ****
Enfield Community Care	89 ***	100 *****	16 **
Essex & Herts Community	86 ***	100 *****	18 **
Essex Rivers Healthcare	74 **	95 ***	9 ****
Forest Healthcare	68 *	89 *	18 **
Great Ormond Street Hospital	90 ****	100 *****	11 ***
Hammersmith Hospitals	90 ****	99 ****	14 **
Harefield Hospital	93 ****	100 *****	11 ***
Haringey Healthcare	98 *****	100 *****	18 **
Harrow & Hillingdon Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	23 —
Havering Hospitals	78 **	99 ****	10 ***
Hillingdon Hospital	85 ***	98 ****	12 —
Homerton Hospital	81 ***	98 ****	23 *
Hounslow & Spelthorne Comm & Ment Health	100 —	100 —	31 —
Mid-Essex Community & Mental Health	98 *****	100 *****	20 *
Mid-Essex Hospital Services	87 ***	99 ****	7 *****
Moorfields Eye Hospital	74 **	97 ***	14 **
Mount Vernon & Watford Hospitals	88 ***	98 ****	9 ****
New Possibilities	— —	— —	— —
Newham Community Health Services	90 ****	99 ****	33 *
Newham Healthcare	72 **	92 **	21 *
North East Essex Mental Health	98 *****	100 *****	14 —
North Hertfordshire	85 ***	98 ****	8 ****
North Middlesex Hospital	75 **	95 ***	17 —
North West London Mental Health	100 *****	100 *****	33 *
Northwick Park & St Mark's	85 ***	98 ****	13 **
Parkside Health	100 *****	100 *****	23 *
Princess Alexandra Hospital	82 ***	99 ****	9 ****
Redbridge Healthcare	86 ***	96 ***	15 **
Riverside Community Health Care	— —	— —	— —
Riverside Mental Health	98 —	100 —	24 *
Royal Brompton Hospital	100 *****	100 *****	13 **
Royal Free Hampstead	87 ***	99 ****	20 *
Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital	87 ***	99 ****	12 ***
Royal Marsden	89 ***	98 ****	6 *****
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital	53 *	90 **	12 —
St Albans & Hemel Hempstead	83 ***	98 ****	9 —
St Mary's	86 ***	97 ***	19 *
Southend Community Care Services	77 **	99 ****	27 *
Southend Health Care	90 ****	99 ****	12 ***
Tavistock & Portman	77 **	98 ****	18 **
Thameside Community Healthcare	97 *****	100 *****	19 *
The Royal Hospitals	74 **	94 **	23 —
The Whittington Hospital	80 ***	96 ***	20 *
Tower Hamlets Healthcare	96 *****	99 ****	29 *
University College London Hospitals	82 ***	96 ***	18 **
Wellhouse	80 ***	98 ****	14 **
West Herts Community Health (NHS) Trust	88 ***	97 ***	15 **
West London Healthcare	87 ***	98 ****	24 *
West Middlesex University Hospital	79 **	97 ***	14 **

SOUTH THAMES

Ashford Hospital	89 ***	98 ****	12 ***
Bethlem & Maudsley	84 ***	91 **	24 *
Bournewood Community & Mental Health	100 *****	100 *****	17 **
Brighton Healthcare	73 **	94 **	12 ***
Bromley Hospitals	77 **	98 ****	12 ***
Canterbury & Thanet Community Healthcare	88 ***	100 *****	14 **
Chichester Priority Care Services	82 ***	96 ***	9 ****
Crawley & Horsham	87 ***	98 ****	8 ****
Croydon Community Health	— —	— —	— —
Dartford & Gravesham	81 ***	97 ***	12 ***
East Surrey Healthcare	93 ****	99 ****	7 *****
East Surrey Priority Care	94 ****	100 *****	12 ***
Eastbourne & County Healthcare	91 ****	98 ****	13 **
Eastbourne Hospitals	77 **	99 ****	9 ****
Epsom Healthcare	94 ****	100 *****	6 *****
Frimley Park Hospital	84 ***	96 ***	11 ***
Greenwich Healthcare	80 ***	97 ***	18 **
Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital	81 ***	97 ***	16 **
Hastings & Rother	84 ***	99 ****	8 ****
Heathlands Mental Health	96 *****	99 ****	20 *
Kent & Canterbury Hospitals	77 **	97 ***	14 **
Kent & Sussex Weald	84 ***	99 ****	6 *****
King's Healthcare	90 ****	99 ****	14 **
Kingston & District Community	95 *****	100 *****	18 **
Kingston Hospital	89 ***	100 *****	10 ***
Lambeth Healthcare	74 **	77 *	19 *
Lewisham & Guy's Mental Health Trust	80 ***	98 ****	36 *
Lewisham Hospital	78 **	94 **	17 **
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Merton & Sutton Community	100 *****	100 *****	12 ***
Mid-Kent Healthcare	83 ***	98 ****	9 ****
Mid-Sussex	84 ***	98 ****	7 *****
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Optimum Health Services	— —	— —	— —
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Queen Mary's Sidcup	73 **	93 **	13 **
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South Downs Health	96 *****	100 *****	18 **
South Kent Community Healthcare	92 ****	100 *****	10 ***
South Kent Hospitals	81 ***	97 ***	8 ****
Surrey Heartlands	100 *****	100 *****	33 *
Teddington Memorial	— —	— —	— —
Thameslink Healthcare Services	92 ****	100 *****	13 **
Thanet Healthcare	81 ***	97 ***	8 ****
Wandsworth Community Health	— —	— —	— —
Weald of Kent Community	100 —	100 —	18 —
Worthing & Southlands Hospitals	76 **	93 **	10 ***
Worthing Priority Care	99 *****	100 *****	28 *

ANGLIA AND OXFORD

Addenbrooke's	72 **	93 **	9 —
Allington	49 —	61 —	11 —
Anglian Harbours	88 ***	92 **	18 —
Aylesbury Vale Community Healthcare	96 *****	100 *****	16 **
Bedford & Shires Health & Care	84 ***	99 ****	22 *
Bedford Hospital	75 **	93 **	10 ***
East Berkshire Community Health	81 ***	99 ****	9 ****
East Berkshire	— —	— —	— —
East Suffolk Local Health Services	77 **	95 ***	11 ***
Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals	85 ***	99 ****	11 ***
Hinchingbrooke Healthcare	75 **	93 **	6 *****
Horton General Hospital	87 ***	98 ****	7 —
Ipswich Hospital	79 **	96 ***	7 *****
James Paget Hospital	87 ***	100 *****	10 ***
Kettering General Hospital	74 **	96 ***	8 ****
King's Lynn & Wisbech Hospitals	76 **	88 *	7 *****
Lifespan Healthcare Cambridge	63 *	93 **	13 **
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	77 **	93 **	11 ***
Mid-Anglia Community Health	99 *****	100 *****	13 **
Milton Keynes Community	97 *****	100 *****	30 *
Milton Keynes General	75 **	94 **	14 **
Norfolk & Norwich Health Care	83 ***	98 ****	5 *****
Norfolk Mental Health Care	87 ***	97 ***	14 **
North West Anglia Healthcare	83 ***	95 ***	8 ****
Northampton Community Healthcare	— —	— —	19 *
Northampton General Hospital	73 **	91 **	8 —
Norwich Community Health Partnership	98 *****	100 *****	2 *****
Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre	85 ***	99 ****	8 ****
Oxford Radcliffe Hospital	90 ****	100 *****	7 *****
Oxfordshire Community Health	— —	— —	— —
Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	10 —
Papworth Hospital	100 *****	100 *****	2 *****
Peterborough Hospitals	84 ***	95 ***	9 ****
Radcliffe Infirmary	76 **	98 ****	13 **
Rockingham Forest	97 *****	99 ****	11 ***
Royal Berkshire & Battle Hospitals	86 ***	96 ***	11 ***
South Bedfordshire Community Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	32 *
South Buckinghamshire	82 ***	96 ***	8 ****
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	87 ***	97 ***	6 *****
West Berkshire Priority Care Service	92 ****	100 *****	7 *****
West Suffolk Hospitals	79 **	98 ****	6 *****

SOUTH AND WEST

Andover District Community Healthcare	90 ****	100 *****	18 **
Avalon Somerset	98 *****	100 *****	10 ***
Bath & West Community	87 —	100 —	3 *****
Bath Mental Healthcare	95 *****	100 *****	14 **
Cornwall Healthcare	88 ***	98 ****	19 *
Dorset Community	85 ***	100 *****	6 *****
Dorset Health Care	100 *****	100 *****	15 **
East Gloucestershire	86 ***	100 *****	7 *****
East Somerset	82 ***	98 ****	10 ***
East Wiltshire Health Care	88 ***	98 ****	14 —
Exeter & District Comm Health Service	86 ***	99 ****	12 ***
Frenchay Healthcare	75 **	94 **	9 ****
Gloucestershire Royal	78 **	98 ****	9 ****
Isle of Wight Community Healthcare	100 *****	100 *****	19 *
North Hampshire Hospitals	79 **	93 **	9 ****
North Hampshire Loddon Community	99 *****	99 ****	7 *****
Northern Devon Healthcare	88 ***	99 ****	9 ****
Phoenix	— —	— —	— —
Plymouth Community Services	96 *****	100 *****	9 —
Plymouth Hospitals	90 ****	99 ****	10 ***
Poole Hospital	91 ****	99 ****	11 ***
Portsmouth Health Care	84 ***	90 **	25 *
Portsmouth Hospitals	83 ***	99 ****	8 ****
Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hosps	92 ****	100 *****	8 ****
Royal Cornwall Hospitals	83 ***	96 ***	10 ***
Royal Devon & Exeter Healthcare	84 ***	96 ***	8 ****
Royal National Hosp for Rheumatic Diseases	92 ****	100 *****	4 *****
Royal United Hospitals Bath	89 ***	100 *****	6 *****
St Mary's Hospital (Isle of Wight)	88 ***	100 *****	9 ****
Salisbury Health Care	92 ****	100 *****	7 *****
Severn	87 ***	99 ****	9 ****
South Devon Healthcare	87 ***	99 ****	9 ****
Southampton Community Health Services	79 **	98 ****	8 ****
Southampton University Hospitals	78 **	94 **	9 ****
Southmead Health Services	84 ***	96 ***	12 ***
Swindon & Marlborough	75 **	92 **	6 *****
Taunton & Somerset	80 ***	97 ***	6 *****
Trecare	— —	— —	— —
United Bristol Healthcare	72 **	91 **	10 ***
West Dorset General Hospitals	90 ****	100 *****	5 *****
Weston Area Health	67 *	90 **	8 ****
Wiltshire Health Care	98 *****	100 *****	3 *****
Winchester & Eastleigh Healthcare	89 ***	98 ****	5 *****

NORTH WEST

Aintree Hospitals	87 ***	98 ****	15 **
Blackburn, Hyndburn & Ribble Valley	87 ***	99 ****	10 ***
Blackpool Victoria Hospital	86 ***	100 *****	7 *****
Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde Comm Health Servs	83 ***	100 *****	12 ***
Bolton Hospitals	90 ****	100 *****	10 ***
Burnley Healthcare	79 **	96 ***	10 ***
Bury Health Care	88 ***	99 ****	12 ***
Central Manchester Healthcare Trust	77 **	96 ***	15 **
Cheshire Community Healthcare	— —	— —	— —
Chester & Halton Community	54 *	98 ****	26 *
Chorley & South Ribble	78 **	100 *****	9 ****
Christie Hospital	100 *****	100 *****	7 *****
Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology	100 *****	100 *****	0 —
Communicare	— —	— —	— —
Community Healthcare Bolton	65 *	100 *****	23 *
Countess of Chester Hospital	84 ***	99 ****	5 *****
East Cheshire	91 ****	99 ****	5 —
Furness Hospitals	89 ***	97 ***	9 ****
Guild Community Healthcare	99 *****	100 *****	16 **
Halton General Hospital	90 ****	100 *****	23 *
Lancaster Acute Hospitals	92 ****	100 *****	9 ****
Lancaster Priority Services	99 *****	100 *****	11 ***
Liverpool Women's Hospital	93 ****	100 *****	9 ****
Manchester Children's Hospitals	99 *****	100 *****	14 **
Mancunian Community Health	100 *****	100 *****	17 **
Mental Health Services of Salford	100 *****	100 *****	16 **
Mid-Cheshire Hospitals	88 ***	99 ****	8 ****
North Manchester Healthcare	78 **	96 ***	14 **
North Mersey Community	83 ***	97 ***	28 *
Oldham	80 ***	98 ****	12 ***
Preston Acute Hospitals	89 ***	100 *****	9 ****
Rochdale Healthcare	87 ***	99 ****	14 **
Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen Univ Hosp	68 *	92 **	13 **
Royal Liverpool Children's	81 ***	99 ****	11 ***
St Helens & Knowsley Community Health	100 *****	100 *****	26 *
St Helens & Knowsley Hospitals	83 ***	98 ****	11 ***
Salford Community Health Care	— —	— —	— —
Salford Royal Hospitals	75 **	98 ****	13 **
South Cumbria Comm & Mental Health	79 **	94 **	7 *****
South Manchester University Hospitals	85 ***	96 ***	14 **
Southport & Formby Comm Health Servs	94 ****	100 *****	20 *
Southport & Formby	77 **	98 ****	12 ***
Stockport Acute Services	81 ***	98 ****	10 ***
Stockport Healthcare	98 *****	100 *****	8 ****
Tameside & Glossop Acute Services	86 ***	97 ***	11 ***
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The Cardiothoracic Centre - Liverpool	100 *****	100 *****	10 ***
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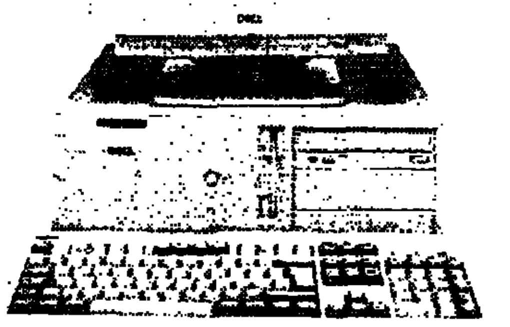
Walton Centre for Neurology & Neurosurgery	68 *	99 ****	11 ***
Warrington Community Healthcare	99 *****	100 *****	16 **
Warrington Hospital	92 ****	100 *****	9 ****
West Cheshire	77 **	98 ****	22 *
West Lancashire	79 **	96 ***	13 **
Westmorland Hospitals	82 ***	100 *****	8 ****
Wigan & Leigh Health Services	73 **	98 ****	11 ***
Wirral Community Healthcare	91 ****	97 ***	26 *
Wirral Hospital	70 **	91 **	12 ***
Wrightington Hospital	66 *	100 *****	6 *****



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Dig uncovers Roman age doctor's kit

Instruments found at burial site in Colchester include scalpels, a saw and hooks, **Nigel Hawkes** reports

SIMON WALKER

Colin Austin, an archaeological excavator, displays replicas of the medical instruments that were found in the burial site at Colchester

A SET of medical instruments from the Roman period has been unearthed at an archaeological site in Colchester. It is the most complete set found in Britain.

It includes scalpels, a saw for performing amputations, hooks for operations such as removing tonsils, tweezers, a spatula and a series of needles of different sizes used for cauterising wounds. The instruments are made of iron or a copper alloy.

The medical kit was found in a burial site by Colchester Archaeological Trust. Last year the remains of a Roman board game were found at the same site, opposite Colchester Zoo. The instruments were found close by but could not be identified until they had been X-rayed, cleaned and conserved.

Philip Crummy, director of the trust, said the only object missing was a bleeding cup, which all physicians of the period would have used. One instrument remains a mystery: it is a large, hairpin-shaped object with its points turned outwards. He believes it may have been used as a retractor to keep open an incision during surgery.

Ralph Jackson, a curator in the Department of Prehistoric amd Romano-British Antiquities at the British Museum, and an expert on early medical instruments, said: "This is an enormously important discovery because it is the first time in Britain that an organised archaeological dig has uncovered a set of medical instruments.

"Furthermore, it means we can be fairly certain that the grave is that of the physician or healer who used these tools. Members of other professions in Roman times were not normally buried with the tools of their trade."

The physican was not Roman, but a Briton who lived at the time of the Roman conquest. The site contains a sequence of burials of high-ranking Britons covering several centuries. Mr Crummy said this particular burial dated from some time in the 50s AD, about ten years after the invasion.

Mr Jackson, author of *Doctors and Disease in the Roman Empire*, said that the instruments were fascinating because of their subtle difference from sets found elsewhere in the Roman Empire. "Only one item, the scoop-probe, is absolutely identical to other Roman kits. So it looks as if this was made in Britain, using knowledge from the Romans.

"It is also very early — only about 50 years after the first Roman medical instruments became recognisable as such. Before that, they were so similar to domestic or craft tools that you can't be sure they were used medically."

The Romans were capable of a range of basic surgical operations, he said, including removing tonsils and cataracts. "They didn't do appendectomies, but they did carry out amputations. The owner of these instruments would also have used the little saw for trimming bones broken in accidents or warfare, before setting them. The great majority of his work would have been wounds or injuries."

The burials may include those of relatives or close aides of Cunobelin — Shakespeare's Cymbeline — but not that of Cunobelin himself. He was King of the Catuvellauni, the tribe that dominated the area at the time of the invasion.

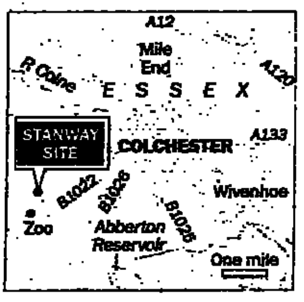
In the same grave as the medical instruments, were eight rods about 1ft long with chisel-shaped ends and spherical terminals, half iron and half copper. Mr Crummy believes they may have been used for divination. "Doctors consulted the gods and used divination techniques," he said. "They were learned people, like the druids, and may also have gone in for chanting and brewing potions."

It is also Mr Jackson's guess that the rods were used for divination, but he stresses it is a guess. "They are unique. They are clearly not functional, and they are not surgical instruments, but they appear to be a set. Foretelling the future would have gone hand-in-hand with medical practice. Perhaps the doctors cast the rods to find out if it was a propitious time to operate."

The burial also included a large metal urn, with a built-in filter, which might have been used for making infusions from leaves or herbs.

The dig is at a sand and gravel quarry run by Tarmac, which has supported the work. This year's dig began yesterday and will last until the middle of September. The site will be open to visitors from Wednesday to Sunday each week, 10am to 4pm. The cost is £1 for adults and 50p for children. Proceeds will go Colchester Archaeological Trust for future archaeological work.

Steve Lamb, divisional land and minerals manager for Tarmac, said: "We have provided a large part of the costs of the dig. We are under no obligation to, but we thought it was worthwhile. We are delighted to be involved with such a successful dig."



☐ Researchers working in a village in northeast Scotland have unearthed four stones elaborately carved by the Picts. They were discovered in the foundations of a church that dates from the Middle Ages on the site of what archaeologists believe was once a major Pictish religious settlement.

The 1,200-year-old carvings were unveiled yesterday at Tarbat Old Church in Portmahomack, on Dornoch Firth, after the final stone was pulled from the ground. One of the stones was inscribed to mark an early Christian grave and has a primitive cross on each side. Another shows intricate carvings of a wild boar, a lion and a mythical beast.

The early Celtic artwork was discovered by archaeologists from the University of York in the crypt wall underneath the present church. They had been used to build the foundations of a medieval church, which was also uncovered by the researchers.

George MacQuarrie, general manager of the Tarbat Historic Trust, said the find was one of the most significant in Scotland in recent years. "Coupled with other similar pieces we have gathered over the past 200 years, it could help us piece together more vital clues about who the Picts really were."

Experts believe that the stones were carved after the arrival of St Columba, the Irish missionary, in Scotland.

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Recognisable tools of trade

The instruments from Roman times that have been found in Colchester lack the sterile shine of their modern counterparts which glisten on trays in operating theatres, but they are recognisable surgical tools (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes). It is interesting that all the instruments unearthed at the archaeological site have been found together, suggesting that even at this time people must have practised as specialist surgeons, who would need different instruments for different tasks. Any surgeon using these instruments would have had a saw, a scalpel, forceps, a spud (a sharpened spoon for scooping out tissue), hooks, and retractors for holding the edges of cut tissue apart.

Siberian tiger may number only 250 in wild

By Nick Nuttall
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THERE may be only 250 Siberian tigers left in the wild, half the offical estimate, according to new research using sniffer dogs.

Last year a survey by the World Wide Fund for Nature calculated that there were between 415 and 475 of the animals in Russia's far east.

However, scientists fear that the survey was flawed. Sergei Shaitarov, of the Tiger Protection Society in Vladivostok, told *New Scientist*: "It's a question of methods. The WWF estimated the numbers of tigers by counting tracks in the snow." He believes that this may lead to tigers being counted more than once.

The new method, which has been piloted at the Lazvosky State Nature Reserve in the region of Primorskiy Kray, uses German shepherd dogs that have been trained to distinguish between the scent markings of different tigers.

Tigers leave droppings and urine to mark territories. They also leave gland secretions on tree bark when they are sharpening their claws. The scents are like fingerprints, particular to each animal.

"Using this method we have been able to count tigers all year round," Galina Salkina, the reserve's cat specialist, said.

The research put the number of tigers in the reserve at 12 rather than the 22 estimated by the WWF. By scaling the results up to all areas known to have Siberian tigers, the researchers estimated the population at 250 rather than the 400-plus calculated by the WWF survey.

Sally Nicholson, of the WWF, said yesterday that its research had involved large numbers of Germans and Russians looking for tracks. "It does not matter which survey is right. There are too few Siberian tigers, whatever the number," she added.

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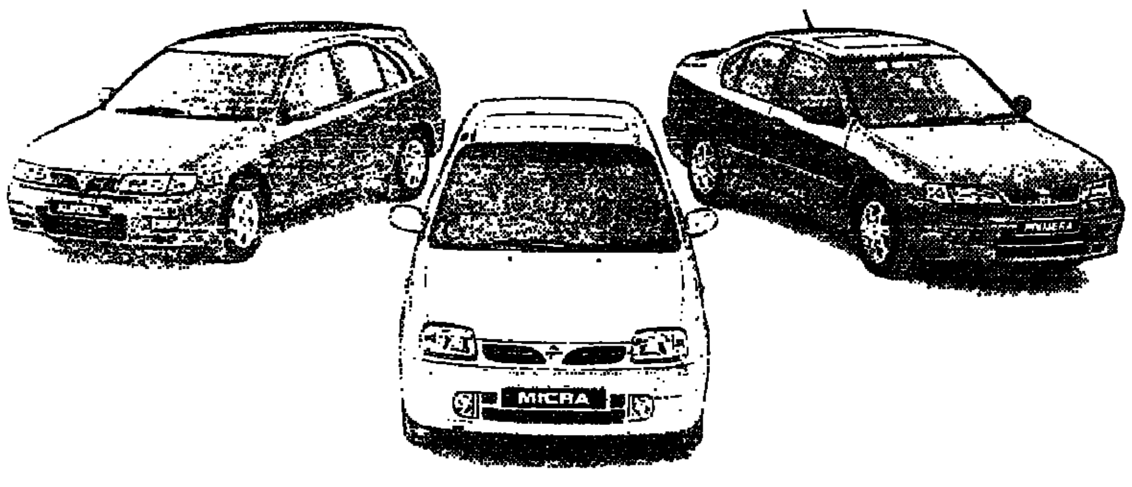

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Haughey admits to £1.2m gift from rich businessman

BY AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

Dunne: said he felt sorry for Mr Haughey

CHARLES HAUGHEY admitted yesterday that he illegally accepted £1.2 million from a supermarket tycoon while he was Prime Minister of the Irish Republic.

At a hearing of a tribunal investigating payments to politicians by Ben Dunne, the former chairman of Dunnes Stores, Mr Haughey surrendered in the face of mounting evidence against him.

He had initially denied claims by Mr Dunne that the money had been given to help him out of debt. Last week he amended that denial to say that "in all probability" he had taken the money but could not remember from whom. Yesterday he admitted taking the money and knowing that it came from Mr Dunne.

In a statement read out to the tribunal by his counsel, Mr Haughey said that he had altered his position because of the "excellent work" carried out by the tribunal, and the "helpful" documentation submitted by Mr Dunne. The former Prime Minister also admitted lying to his lawyers.

Mr Haughey, who will give evidence to the tribunal on Monday, received the money in instalments between 1987 and 1991. He was Taoiseach for the entire period. Most of the money was sent to him through accounts in London, and the Cayman Islands, although in November 1991, Mr Dunne handed Mr Haughey £210,000 in three bank drafts bearing fictitious names.

Mr Dunne told the tribunal that he did not expect or receive any political favours for the money. "I just felt sorry for him," he said.

Mr Haughey now faces a massive tax bill and the possibility — although remote — of a jail sentence. Tax experts estimate that he could face a bill of £750,000 or more, and is likely to be declared bankrupt.

His admission solves one of the great mysteries of Irish politics: where did Mr Haughey get his wealth? The son of an army officer, Mr Haughey, 72, entered adulthood with virtually no money. By the time he left Irish politics in 1992, he owned an enormous house, an island, a yacht and entertained with only the best food and wine. It was considered quite a feat for a Prime Minister on a salary of about £70,000 and with no other visible form of income.

Charles Haughey at his home in Co Dublin. He also owns an island off Co Kerry but until yesterday the source of his wealth was unexplained

Mr Haughey lives in Abbeville, a 200-year-old mansion in Kinsealy, Co Dublin, where he keeps horses in the extensive wooded grounds. He bought a 50-foot ketch, *The Celtic Mist* for £200,000 and needs a helicopter to get to Inishvickillane, the Co Kerry island which he bought for about £25,000 in 1974, when his parliamentary salary was £5,000. He built a holiday home on the island that would today cost £250,000. Most of the materials had to be carried *by helicopter across the nine*-mile stretch of the Atlantic.

When asked at press conferences about the source of his wealth, Mr Haughey would reply: "Ask my bank manager."

But in the late 1980s, rumours began circulating that he was in debt. Des Traynor, *his accountant and friend*, approached Mr Dunne, heir to the Dunnes Stores group of supermarkets and playboy of the Dublin business world. Mr Dunne agreed to help and a network of accounts in London and the Caymen Islands was set up to deal with transferring the money.

Mr Haughey has caused severe embarrassment to his Fianna Fail party colleagues. He was once seen as a statesman and possible successor to President Mary Robinson, but now faces humiliation. In the words of one Dublin observer, Mr Haughey has changed from being "a loveable old rascal to a lying old cheat".

Tories hope local retailer has success in store

BY POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Conservatives' selection of John Randall to fight the first by-election of the new Parliament raised a few eyebrows at Westminster.

MPs had been hoping for a high-profile former member with his sights set on an early return to the Commons. They were presented instead with a local businessman and longstanding member of the Uxbridge Conservative Association who "enjoys music, plays the piano and is a keen ornithologist".

However, the biographical notes provided by Conservative Central Office belie the real appeal of Mr Randall to Tory voters in west London. Party managers are hoping against faint hope that on July 31 they can hang on to the seat left vacant by the death of Sir Michael Shersby a week after the election.

The writ for the by-election was moved by the Conservatives yesterday and while Mr Randall may be seen in Westminster as a bit of a nobody, in Uxbridge and its environs, he is most definitely somebody. He is the managing director of Randalls of Uxbridge, the magnificently old-fashioned department store founded by his great grandfather, Philip, in 1891.

Mr Randall, who began his working life as a Saturday boy in the shop before graduating through porter, sales assistant and buyer to managing director, does not deny it is old-fashioned. He says that there are lots of good things about being old-fashioned, "old-fashioned values, old-fashioned courtesy."

He denies that he sees himself as the modern day equivalent of the local benefactor whose political elevation is inevitable. "You do feel a certain responsibility, but it is certainly not in a patronising way." The most important thing about his position, he says, is that it means he knows about local people and their concerns.

The Tories intend to play the local card relentlessly in *Uxbridge, exploiting the frus*tration and anger of those Labour activists in the constituency who feel that their own candidate, Andrew Slaughter, was imposed on them against their will. David Williams, who stood for Labour at the General Election, and who reduced Sir Michael's majority to 724, was excluded from the final shortlist by Labour's NEC. It was a decision one local Labour councillor, Shirley Virando, has described as "totally undemocratic" and "a grave mistake, which I believe will ultimately cost us the seat".

Mr Slaughter, who lives in Fulham, claimed local connections after his selection. "I come from west London, and I think most people from Uxbridge see themselves as coming from west London." This did not go down well with most people in Uxbridge: many of them do not consider that they come from London at all.

Randall: responsibility

Ruth Hawkridge, executive manager of the Select Recruitment agency, next door to Randalls, believes that John Randall's roots will be an asset to the Tories. "Sir Michael Shersby was a local man and he sustained an awful lot of his popularity because of that.

"Randalls itself if quite a prominent local business. It's been in Uxbridge a long time. I think John Randall will hold that localised image that Michael Shersby had. If there is anything that would swing it for him, I think it would be that."

The Conservatives know that a Labour victory is likely, *but they* are hoping that Randall of Uxbridge might just be able to deliver the goods.

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Simon decried pension plans before election

Andrew Pierce on further trouble for a businessman turned minister

THE minister at the centre of the BP shares row, Lord Simon of Highbury, criticised Gordon Brown's proposals to hit pension funds only days before he joined the Government.

The disclosure yesterday that he attacked a plan, which will raise more money for the Chancellor than the Budget's windfall tax, came as a further embarrassment to Lord Simon as the Tories again demanded that he resign over the failure to declare £2.15 million of BP shares.

The Times has learnt that Lord Simon, then chairman of BP, wrote a letter on May 1, the day of the general election, warning of the dangers of the proposals to axe tax credits on dividends for pension funds, which was to become a centrepiece of the Budget.

The revelation of the intervention by Lord Simon, who was a surprise appointment as Minister for Competitiveness and Trade in Europe, will be exploited by the Tories.

Lord Simon's letter to Ann Robinson, director-general of the National Association of Pension funds, only criticised the prospect of such a move and called for lengthy consultation before any changes. Mr Brown's plan is being pushed through, unusually rapidly according to the Tories, in the Finance Bill this month.

Lord Simon's remarks were in a covering letter to Ms Robinson which was attached to a much more lengthy criticism of the scheme, written by John Browne, the chief executive of BP, which had been sent earlier to the Confederation of British Industry. He was expressing the view of the board of BP, one of Britain's biggest employers, that the plan would be bad for people with occupational pensions and the pensions industry. He was responding to the association's "Agenda for Pensions".

A BP spokesman said: "It was private correspondence with the National Association of Pension Funds which I cannot discuss." The association took a similar view.

But *The Times* has learnt that when the letter was written, before Lord Simon had an inkling that he would be offered a ministerial job, he already suspected that the change on tax credits would become Labour Party policy if Tony Blair won the election.

The Tories kept up the pressure on the minister yesterday over his failure to record the holding of the £2.15 million of BP shares in the Register of Lords' Interests. He was not required to declare the holding but Tory MPs believe that he is compromised by a potential conflict of interest because he has retained the shares. He has undertaken not to trade in them before January 1998.

Sir Robin Buter, the Cabinet Secretary, yesterday rejected calls for an inquiry because he was content with the arrangements made by the Department of Trade and Industry to ensure there was no conflict.

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: "There should be a proper inquiry and we will continue asking the questions until we have built an accurate picture of what action was taken to prevent any apparent or actual conflict of interest."

Steven Norris, the former Transport Minister who was criticised by Labour in the last Parliament when he took a job in the privatised bus industry, said: "Labour spent a long time talking about smoke without fire," he said. "The hypocrisy of their position has been appallingly exposed."

Barbara Roche, the junior Trade Minister, accused Tory MPs of muck-racking. "It's a great sadness that because a successful and world-class businessman has joined the new Labour Government as a minister that the Conservative Opposition are stooping to try to have this scrabbling around and to try to muck-rack in this way," she said.

"It's all clear. David Simon takes no part in the DTI or Treasury business which covers BP activity," she told BBC Radio 4's *The World At One*.

Lord Simon: he made critical remarks before any offer of a ministerial job

Mullin to chair key Commons committee

BY JILL SHERMAN

CHRIS MULLIN, the leftwing MP who campaigned for the release of the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four, has won the chairmanship of the Select Committee on Home Affairs.

The MP for Sunderland South and former editor of the leftwing Tribune newspaper has earned widespread respect for his successful campaigns but many thought his tendency to speak out against the Establishment would count against him.

A formal announcement of his appointment and those of other chairmen and women was held up yesterday by last-minute haggling and arguments *about the* chairmanship of the Northern Ireland Committee. Party sources said that Labour had offered the Tories that post but there was disagreement over which MP should be appointed.

Labour has suggested taking 13 of the chairmanships, leaving four or five for the Tories and one for the Liberal Democrats.

Blair gets his sums in a twist over spending

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair got himself into a muddle yesterday about public spending. This may partly have been because of his habit of speaking off-the-cuff at Prime Minister's Questions. It is a high-risk approach when so many topics can be raised. He has the barrister's ability to master a brief — one of the qualities that first commended him to his then pupil master, Derry Irvine, now the Lord Chancellor. Mr Blair is both authoritative and commanding on the issue of the moment. But he sometimes appears not to have fully thought out his views on less pressing topics. He has never claimed the omniscience of a Harold Wilson.

The point he stumbled on was the impact of the pick-up of inflation on public spending. The Liberal Democrats have been getting very excited about this and have a point, even though they exaggerate its signficance. The GDP deflator, the measure of inflation used in calculating public spending in real terms, has been revised upwards compared with last November's Budget from 2 per cent to 2.75 per cent, both this year and next year.

Public spending is planned in cash terms so the effect of this upward revision is, by definition, to reduce future expenditure in real terms. That is an arithmetic truism: the Treasury's *Financial Statement and Budget Report* (what used to be called the Red Book) confirmed that "in real terms, control total expenditure is lower than projected at the time of the last Budget, due to the higher forecast for the GDP deflator". According to calculations by the House of Commons Library, last November's Budget projected a rise in overall spending in real terms of 3.5 per cent between 1996-97 and 1998-99. The latest estimated rise is 1.5 per cent over the period. As Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, has pointed out, this means that overall spending this year will be £3 billion lower in real terms than projected last November, and will be £5¼ billion lower next year.

Mr Blair said that all that had happened was an increase in the projected inflation figures "as a result of the problems inherited". It is certainly true that it is not Labour's fault. But his remark that "the cash limits remain" is misleadingly disingenuous since these totals are worth less. This means that a lot of the much trumpeted increase in spending on health and education will not be so much of an addition as it appeared and will be absorbed by the pick-up in inflation. For instance, the £1.2 billion allocation to the NHS is cut back by two thirds by the revision in the inflation assumption to a rise of just over £400 million in real terms.

Of course, every little bit is welcome to the NHS and schools, but this analysis underlines the extent of the squeeze on spending, and the limits to Gordon Brown's generosity. General government consumption, that is spending on pay and the main current programmes excluding social security, is projected to decline in real terms this year and next. This has happened before when inflation has been higher than expected and cash expenditure totals have been held down — for instance, in the 1976-78 period and in the late 1980s.

But this does not mean, as the Liberal Democrats imply, that services need to be squeezed as much as total spending. The link between inflation, real spending and services is not so mechanistic. In the past, *services have been maintained* by holding down costs, including pay, to below forecast inflation, so getting more out of cash totals. All the Government has been able to do is partially to alleviate a squeeze caused by a pick-up in inflation. Labour MPs should perhaps have given just one rather than three cheers a week ago.

PETER RIDDELL

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Clinton gives backing to Karadzic arrest

SAS takes part in snatch squad plan

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN MADRID AND TOM WALKER IN BANJA LUKA

PRESIDENT Clinton gave his full backing yesterday for soldiers from the Nato-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia to arrest Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb president, and other indicted war criminals.

However, speaking in Madrid after the end of the Nato summit, he declined to make any comment on reported American plans to send in a special "snatch squad" to detain Dr Karadzic if local community leaders failed to hand him over to the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

He said troops from the Stabilisation Force (Sfor) had a clear mandate to arrest indicted war criminals if they came across them "in the course of their duties". "Whether they should go beyond that, it would be inappropriate for me to comment."

International sources in Sarajevo and Banja Luka have confirmed the formation of a specialised military snatch squad with the necessary guile and firepower to take Dr Karadzic. It would probably comprise British, French and American troops and equipment, with a heavy SAS involvement.

"It's at an advanced stage," said one diplomat. "It's being planned at a national level but will need to be executed within an overall Nato context. The British are very involved."

Biljana Plavsic, the president of Republika Srpska, appealed to Nato to arrest Dr Karadzic last week, making final the split between Bosnia's moderate and hardline Serbs. Diplomats admit that her life is now in extreme danger.

According to international sources, Mrs Plavsic made her plea directly to General William Crouch, Bosnia's Nato commander, in a weekend meeting also attended by Michael Steiner, the departing deputy High Representative in Bosnia.

Sources have confirmed that Mrs Plavsic, fearing that Dr Karadzic's secret police were preparing an assault on her presidency building, put out a distress call to Sfor last Friday. British troops surrounded the building until dawn, when the Republika Srpska's elite Krajina Corps, still loyal to Mrs Plavsic, took over.

General George Joulwan, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, who is in overall command of Sfor in Bosnia, hinted yesterday that he would be prepared to take more decisive action if the mandate was changed. He said the Nato leaders had not given him new orders during the summit, but if they wanted more aggressive action to be taken to arrest Dr Karadzic and other indicted war criminals "then let them give me the guidance". He said he wanted justice done and for the indicted war criminals to be handed over to the tribunal in The Hague.

General Joulwan, who is soon to retire, warned the former warring factions in Bosnia not to make any "miscalculations" over Nato's determination to keep the peace in the country.

The American general admitted that the situation in Bosnia was fast deteriorating.

☐ **Brussels:** European Union officials announced that they are suspending aid to Republika Srbska, citing the current political crisis and the country's failure to arrest its war criminals. *(AP)*

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Tony Blair greets President Clinton as he arrives for a ceremony on the last day of the Nato summit in Madrid

Former Soviet bloc states to be given top nuclear secrets

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE three former members of the Warsaw Pact who are to join Nato in 1999 will be given access to top-secret intelligence, including nuclear targeting details, once they have signed an agreement on exchanging information.

The deal on intelligence is one of five practical steps which will have to be taken by Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic before they can become full members of Nato's military structure.

All fully integrated Nato members have access to the most highly classified intelligence which is marked Cosmic Top Secret. This could include intelligence assessments of the Russian economy.

There are concerns about this aspect of the deal, largely because there are likely to be some links remaining between the intelligence services of these three countries and their old spymasters in Moscow.

A special agreement will have to be drawn up under which the governments of Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary will provide absolute guarantees about the security of all intelligence.

Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary will now also have to fill in a questionnaire, outlining every aspect of their military capabilities and force structures.

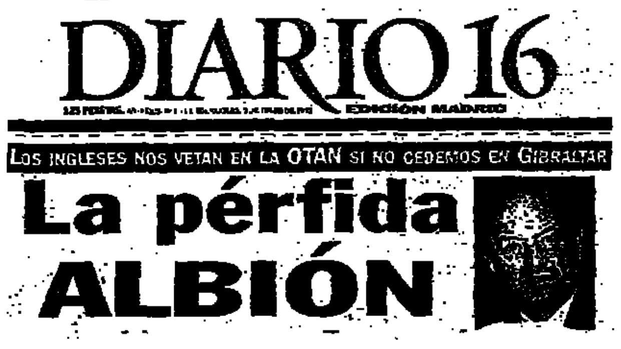
Nato will give the countries a guide which will set certain standards required. This will include a minimum number of frontline air force squadrons, ammunition stocks and training days. Nato will not insist on them buying Western equipment immediately, but they will be required to upgrade old-generation weapons as far as possible.

In due time, all three countries will be expected to replace their ancient Soviet-built combat aircraft and buy or lease Western planes.

The three other practical steps required of the three members-elect are: to change their communications so that they have a secure voice telephone system compatible with the rest of Nato; to agree on their share of Nato's common funding budget; and to sign a declaration that they will not block other countries from joining the alliance.

Yesterday, with all the Nato summit leaders still in Madrid, a special charter was signed with Ukraine which guarantees a new security partnership with the alliance.

Spain casts Britain as the villain over Gibraltar wrangle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LOS INGLESES NOS VETAN EN LA OTAN SI NO CEDEMOS EN GIBRALTAR

La pérfida ALBIÓN

One of the furious front pages in Madrid yesterday

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MADRID

SPANISH newspapers had no doubt yesterday that Britain was the villain of the Nato summit. "Perfidious Albion" was the headline splashed across the mass-circulation *Diario 16*, in an angry reaction to Britain's threat to veto Spanish entry into Nato's military structure.

Even the quality newspapers could not resist an attack on Britain. "It seems totally contrary to correct diplomatic behaviour that Britain's Robin Cook should yesterday talk of blocking Spain's entry if we do not lift restrictions on air traffic in Gibraltar," *El Pais* said in a leading article.

Mr Cook, the Foreign Secretary, was delighted by the outburst. "At least that shows our message is getting across that there has to be a solution to the Gibraltar problem before Spain can join the integrated military command," a British official said.

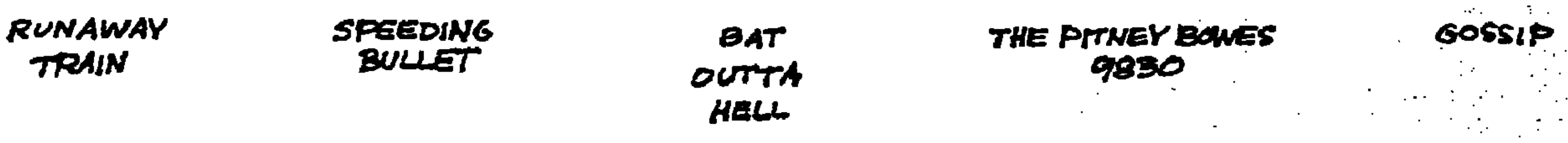
Javier Solana, Nato's Secretary-General and a former Spanish Foreign Minister, said he had not raised the issue with Tony Blair. Yesterday Mr Cook and Abel Matutes, the Foreign Minister, agreed that their Nato ambassadors would resume negotiations over the Rock, "without prejudice" to Spain's claim to sovereignty.

Spanish officials have made clear that the movement of aircraft to *Gibraltar through Spanish air space is* far more of a constitutional sticking point than visits by warships.

This is because the isthmus between the Rock and the mainland on which the airport is built does not appear to be covered by the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht, which ceded Gibraltar to Britain in perpetuity.

Peter Caruana, Gibraltar's Chief Minister, held talks with Mr Cook in London immediately before the Nato summit, at which he sought renewed assurances that Britain would not allow Spain to take over responsibility for the Rock.

The Gibraltar obstacle has held up what has otherwise been a triumph of Spanish diplomacy, and reaction is bitter. It had been hoped here that the country would reassert its Nato credentials with a swift entry into the integrated command structure, and Spanish officials warned Britain that a veto would run into strong opposition from all other Nato members.



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Mis-selling record condemned

Liddell makes new attack on pension firms

By Gavin Lumsden

HELEN LIDDELL, Economic Secretary, stepped up the Government's onslaught on the pensions industry yesterday when she attacked its 24 leading players for their "extremely disappointing" record in compensating victims of personal pensions mis-selling.

She revealed that *only* 20,545 out of 432,393 people have actually accepted compensation from their pension providers. Almost twice as many had been excluded from the review altogether. These are people who were wrongly advised to opt out of or transfer from generous occupational schemes to private pensions between 1988 and 1994. According to figures released by Ms Liddell last month, a further 1.5 million people may have also been victims of mis-selling.

Yesterday it emerged the worst offenders were Hogg Robinson and Colonial who have resolved less than 1 per cent of their cases. However, larger household names have done little better. Allied Dunbar, Abbey Life and Sedgwick, which along with Legal & General was "named and shamed" for its attitude to the review last month, have settled only 1 per cent of their cases. By the end of June, the *Co-op had resolved only 2 per* cent of its 41,762 cases while the Prudential, the largest pension provider, had finished just 5 per cent.

The poor figures mean some companies could fail to meet the first deadline set by their regulator, the Personal Investment Authority, and could be liable to large fines, although most were confident they could meet it.

CALLED TO ACCOUNT

	Cases now under review	Cases where redress offered	%
Hogg Robinson	682	1	0
Colonial	8,754	32	0
Sedgwick	6,731	64	1
Abbey Life	15,993	182	1
Allied Dunbar	16,422	182	1
Co-op Insurance	41,762	825	2
Prudential	58,606	3,128	5
Barclays Life	16,700	2,315	14

In May the PIA instructed pension companies to settle 90 per cent of their priority cases by the end of the year, although some have earlier dates. Abbey Life and Gan look particularly weak, however, with few cases in the pipeline. The former has made offers of compensation to just 238 of the 15,993 cases but said it would meet the target. Gan has approached just 79 of its 8,358 potential victims.

Ms Liddell said: "All 24 companies have performed badly. The number of offers made is very small, while the number of those who have accepted offers is even less. However, a very substantial number have been excluded. *Some will have been left out* legitimately, but I can't believe that tens of thousands of cases can all have been legitimately excluded."

Legal & General, which criticised Ms Liddell's approach to the mis-selling scandal soon after the general election, excluded the highest number of cases. It has rejected 12,147 potential victims of mis-selling from its compensation process, over a third of the number it originally considered. A spokesman said the company had cast a wide net in order to include as many people in the review as possible. Many had not fit within *the review's parameters* because they had been self employed, not had access to a company scheme or had been sold a personal pension by an independent financial adviser.

Ms Liddell is to publish the progress figures sent to her by the pension companies every month. She will decide if further sanctions are necessary in September or October.

Rob Garnsworthy, managing director of Colonial, said: "I don't think it is an issue to get emotional about. The issues are simple — you have an agreed target, are you going to make it? There is no doubt that we are going to. Whether hitting the industry over the head every month is a useful way of going about it is another matter."

Ms Liddell defended the Government's abolition of the dividend tax credits even though the move will deprive pension funds of around £3.5 billion a year and could even delay the pensions review. She *said it was a distortion* and meant that victims of mis-selling who had not received the pensions they had expected were in effect subsidising the industry that had failed them.

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ANDRÉ CAMARA

Bright picture: John Clare says sales at Dixons have been focused on more expensive items

French police question Soros assistants

By Ben Macintyre in Paris and Jason Nissé

TWO senior assistants to George Soros, the billionaire trader, have been questioned as part of a French police investigation into insider trading in Eurotunnel shares.

The two were questioned on Tuesday in New York by US officials working in conjunction with the French police, who are interested in Soros Fund Management's trading in Eurotunnel shares ahead of its £858 million rights issue three years ago.

The Soros Fund, which *made more than £1 billion* betting that the pound would leave the ERM in 1992, has also given documents to the French investigators.

Judge Dominique de Talancé, the Paris investigative magistrate, this week sent police from France's financial investigations division to New York, but they are unlikely to demand that Mr Soros be interviewed. Shaun Pattison, an official of Soros Fund, said: "We have provided whatever assistance was required. Our trading in Eurotunnel shares was completely appropriate and legal in all respects."

In July 1995 the French authorities launched an inquiry into the trading that took place before Eurotunnel's May 1994 rights issue, which was preceded by a steep drop in share price. The Serious Fraud Office has been helping the investigation and a number of UK-based banks have been interviewed.

The Commission des Opérations de Bourse, *the regulator* of the Paris exchange, has identified a number of banks and brokers that sold Eurotunnel shares they did not own before the rights issue and made substantial profits by buying shares when they fell subsequently.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

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Yield	3.42%	
FTSE All share	2236.64	(+0.62)
Nikkei	19697.17	(-156.72)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7931.32	(-30.99)*
S&P Composite	916.15	(-2.60)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{7}{16}$%*	($5\frac{7}{16}$%)
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Yield	6.57%*	(6.58%)

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SFr	2.4672	(2.4771)
Yen	190.03	(190.40)
£ Index	104.1	(104.2)

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$ Index	102.3	(102.2)

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Brent 15-day (Sep)	$18.25	($18.45)

GOLD

London close	$319.15	($321.15)

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Defence idea

British Aerospace yesterday outlined its plans for the European defence industry to the French. BAe told a French parliamentary commission that the first step was to make a single company out of BAe, Dasa of Germany and Aerospatiale-Dassault. Page 28

Threat denied

THE London stock and futures exchanges denied that new co-operation agreements between bourses on the Continent posed a threat to the City's dominant position. Page 32

Crown Estate chief issues warning of overheating risk

By Carl Mortished

CHRIS HOWES, chief executive and second commissioner of the Crown Estate, gave warning that the commercial property market risks overheating as he announced that the Crown Estate's revenue surplus had risen above £100 million for the first time.

The Crown Estate's huge portfolio, which includes Regent Street, Windsor Great Park and Nash terraces in Regent's Park, rose in value by 13 per cent, to £2.5 billion. Mr Howes said the portfolio was now above its pre-recession level in 1990, when profits were only £55 million.

However, he said: "Investor demand to buy property is stronger than the demand for people to occupy it. It is an early sign of disequilibrium. I can see the lemmings on the move."

Mr Howes said that the Budget had increased demand from commercial property investors, particularly pension funds seeking higher yields, but he expressed concern that interest rates would rise as property yields fell.

The Crown Estate's central London properties had seen the highest increases, with Regent Street's valuation up 17 per cent over the past year, he said. Some £80 million was spent on the portfolio last year, buying in leases and refurbishing properties on Regent Street, including the redevelopment of Heddon Street, acquired in 1993, for leisure occupation. The cul-de-sac off Regent Street now includes the Zinc Bar, a Sir Terence Conran venture, and Momo, a restaurant used for Madonna's birthday party.

The West End and Regent's Park account for almost £1.2 billion of the £2.5 billion portfolio. Outside London, the Crown Estate's portfolio is worth £379 million and includes offices and shopping centres. Two retail parks were bought last year, but Mr Howes said the Estate would not chase developments.

The Crown Estate is not the Queen's personal property. Profits — £102.9 million last year, against £94.5 million the previous year — go to the Treasury, and, in exchange, the Monarch receives the Civil List, under an arrangement begun in 1760.

In addition to the commercial portfolio, estate assets include 2,500 houses and 2,735 miles of foreshore.

Sainsbury's shares and sales bounce

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of J Sainsbury rose strongly yesterday as the supermarket group said its stores had enjoyed underlying sales growth of 4.2 per cent in the first quarter.

Its shares, which lost 12 per cent of their value after the January profits warning, gained 11½p to 399½p — just short of their 1997 high.

This came in spite of downgrades in profit forecasts. Analysts are concerned that David Sainsbury, chairman, forecast that like-for-like sales growth was unlikely to exceed 2 per cent this year.

Shares of Tesco and Marks & Spencer also rose by some 2 per cent. Analysts said the increase was down *to institutions seeking* refuge from companies affected by the strong pound.

Dixons sales soar 17% on back of windfall payouts

By Sarah Cunningham and Alasdair Murray

DIXONS has enjoyed a boom *in sales as consumers rush to* cash in their windfall payouts on top-of-the-range electrical goods. The retailer said like-for-like sales have leapt 17 per cent in the first nine weeks of this year, with more than half of the increase directly attributable to people spending their windfall money.

Robert Shrager, finance director, said: "The day the cheque hits, sales go up." John Clare, chief executive, said sales are focused on more expensive items such as personal computers, televisions and large domestic appliances, with people spending from £300 to more than £1,000.

The first hard evidence of the *impact of windfall payouts on* high street sales provides food for thought for the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, which concludes its monthly policy meeting today. The consensus in the City is that the Bank will raise interest rates by a quarter point to 6.75 per cent to try to cool consumer spending. But some economists called for a half-point rise to help to stop a further rise in the pound as the market bets on more interest rate rises.

The pound yesterday touched a new six-year high against the German mark of DM2.9790 before slipping slightly to close unchanged from the previous day at DM2.9695. The stock market recovered from Tuesday's 50-point fall to register a small gain. The *FTSE 100 index* closed up 3.9 points at 4,762.4.

Shares in Dixons jumped nearly 9 per cent to 536½p after the strong figures, which also boosted shares in other retailing stocks. The company said its total sales were up 32 per cent, although it said that it is unlikely to keep up this level of sales growth for the rest of the year. In contrast, like-for-like sales rose only 8 per cent during the whole of last year.

The recent sales surge amazed analysts. John Richards of NatWest Markets described the figures as "phenomenal", while Mark Josefson of Panmure Gordon said: "No one was expecting double digit figures." NatWest raised its forecast for the current year from £220 million to £236 *million while* Panmure Gordon's figure went from £219 million to £233 million.

Mr Clare announced a sharp rise in pre-tax profit from £135.2 million to £190.2 million for the 53 weeks to May 3. Exceptional items included a gain of £19 million on disposal of 40 per cent of The Link and a charge of £9 million before tax relief of £2.8 million for the cost of ensuring that the group's computer systems are able to cope with the arrival of the year 2000.

Earnings per share were 29.4p (22.7p) and there is a final dividend of 8.1p (6.7p), making a total of 10.5p (8.75p).

The company plans to spend £100 million in the current year, opening 35 new Curry's superstores, 12 new PC World superstores and at least 40 The Link mobile phone stores. Around 3,000 jobs should be created.

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Board pay rises still ahead

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

COMPANY directors' pay is now rising at twice the rate of inflation and is well ahead of pay rises in the economy generally, new boardroom salary evidence shows today.

Total earnings increases for company chairmen and chief *executives are now running* at 7 per cent in industrial and service companies, and 9.3 per cent in financial and property organisations, according to the latest annual boardroom salary survey from Monks Partnership, the pay and recruitment consultants.

For other directors, the rises are 6.7 and 11.5 *per cent* respectively. The rises, recorded by Monks in FTSE 100 companies, based on annual reports available in June, take total median earnings of full-time company chairmen or chief executives to £545,000, with the top 25 per cent on £716,000.

The scale of the increases indicate that the high pay levels and rises, which fuelled public anger two years ago over boardroom pay, continue despite pledges by business to moderate pay and apply the recommendations on self-regulation of the inquiry headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, *chairman of Marks & Spencer*. Earlier this week it was revealed that John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, received a 20 per cent rise to £354,000 a year.

His benefits include a chauffeur-driven car, a second car and free petrol, and medical benefits. He now earns more than twice as much as he did six years ago.

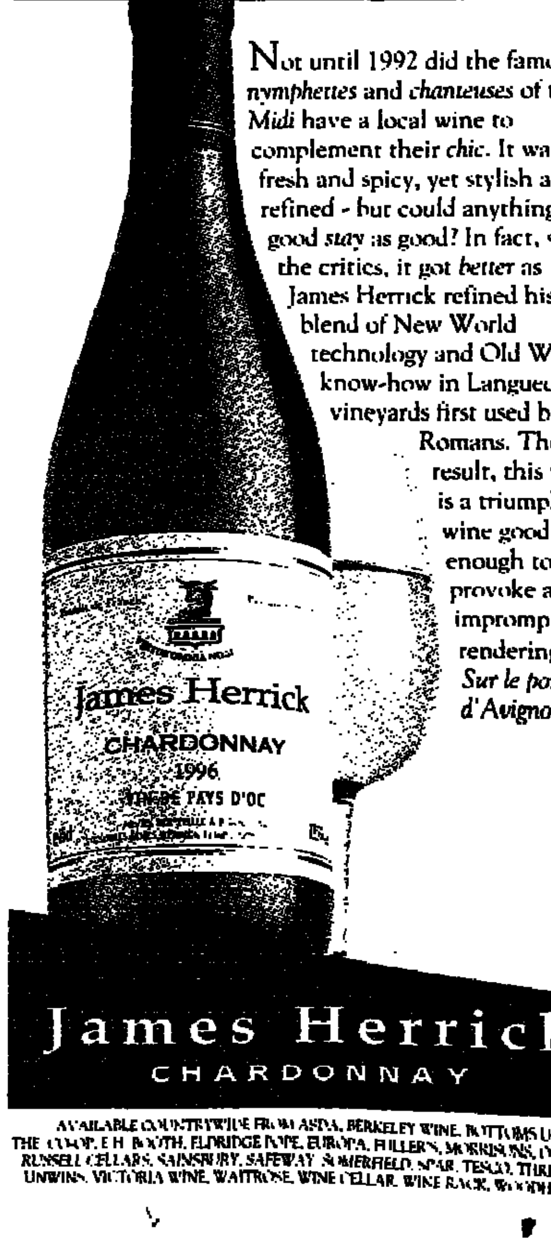
Sir Christopher Hogg, BBC chairman, defended the increase and pay rises of up to 39 per cent for other senior executives, saying the corporation was obliged to match the private sector's rates.

The Monks study suggests that changes in the way companies now record boardroom pay in their annual reports after the recommendations of the Greenbury inquiry make year-on-year comparisons difficult, so it uses base salaries to identify directors' pay trends.

Base salaries for chairmen and chief executives in industrial companies rose by 5.7 per cent in 1997, and for financial organisations by 5.8 per cent, compared with 4.5 per cent and 4.8 per cent respectively.

Monks says: "Increases in base salary for the top directors in industrial and service companies were declining from 1993 until 1996 and have now started to rise again."

At last the South of France has the wine to match its women and song.



Not until 1992 did the famous *nymphettes* and *chanteuses* of the *Midi* have a local wine to complement their *chic*. It was fresh and spicy, yet stylish and refined - but could anything so good *stay* as good? In fact, say the critics, it got *better* as James Herrick refined his blend of New World technology and Old World know-how in Languedoc vineyards first used by the Romans. The result, this year, is a triumph: a wine good enough to provoke an impromptu rendering of *Sur le pont d'Avignon*.

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Genetic testing under scrutiny

By Marianne Curphey
Insurance Correspondent

INSURERS have been asked by the Human Genetics Advisory Commission (HGAC) to give details of how they use genetic test results when assessing the life expectancy of clients.

The two-month consultation will invite a broad range of opinion within the industry on how tests are interpreted when customers apply for endowments, mortgage protection policies and personal pensions. The question of confidentiality and security will also be raised.

In February the Association of British Insurers ruled that people applying for life insurance would be required to disclose if they had taken genetic tests to predict whether they were at risk of inherited disease.

However, the ABI said there would be a two-year moratorium during which test results would not be used against applicants for life policies linked to mortgages up to £100,000. No one would be compelled to take a genetic test.

There have been fears that insurance companies could require clients to submit to tests and could raise premiums for those found to have genes predisposing to illness. The HGAC said it intended to produce a report which will be submitted to ministers and published before the end of the year.

Standard Life has been outspoken in its opposition to tests and has given warning that they could be used as an excuse for refusing cover or making it prohibitively expensive.

Peter Robertson, of Standard Life, yesterday said: "It is very difficult to make assessments of life expectancy based on genetic results, since each one of us has defective genes. People should be encouraged, rather than feel frightened, to take tests so that the population as a whole becomes healthier in the long run."

MIKE WILKINSON

Derek Finlay, left, chairman of Dawson International, the textiles company that owns the Pringle brand, told yesterday's annual meeting that order books in both Britain and America are in good shape, although the strength of the pound is curtailing sales to key export markets. Also pictured is Gavin Hastings, the rugby player, wearing clothes from Pringle's autumn range. Dawson International shares slipped 1p to 68½p.

BAe outlines plans for European consolidation

By Oliver August

BRITISH AEROSPACE has unveiled its game plan for the consolidation of the European defence industry.

John Weston, managing director of the BAe defence arm, told a French parliamentary commission that the first step is to make a single defence company out of BAe, Dasa of Germany and Aerospatiale-Dassault, the two partly state-owned French groups. His aim was to try to encourage the new French Government towards privatisation.

Although Mr Weston said a merger of these four is "the strict minimum to create a European company", analysts believe any deal is years away.

Consolidation of the European defence industry has been made more urgent by last week's $11.6 billion (£6.9 billion) US merger of Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, which will create the world's largest defence group. Mr Weston's blueprint would move on from linking British Aerospace with the French and German companies towards the integration of Italian, Spanish and Swedish companies. These include Alenia, Casa and Saab.

Mr Weston spoke to the committee behind closed doors on Tuesday in an effort to encourage the French Government to privatise its defence interests. BAe is strongly opposed to mergers with state-owned enterprises. He said the French state's 100 per cent stake in Aerospatiale and 50 per cent stake in Dassault, which are scheduled to merge, are an obstacle to consolidation.

He said: "It would be very difficult for the management of BAe to propose to their shareholders to exchange the control of 100 per cent of their company against a fraction of a European company in which a state would have a major stake."

Mr Weston warned against attempting a multiple merger of five or six companies at the same time, but he said a fast step-by-step approach was possible. He proposed the creation of a shell company in which the partners would have a stake and to which they would transfer assets at a later stage.

BAe is strongly committed to forming pan-European businesses in aerospace and defence, said Mr Weston. He denied that BAe is considering pulling out of Airbus, the consortium in which it holds a 20 per cent stake.

He also denied that the group had a preference for a transatlantic link-up instead of a European one. Insiders have said that the recent BAe agreement with Lockheed to co-operate on the $170 billion Joint Strike Fighter project is part of a new strategic alliance with the US group.

Sash Tusa, of UBS, said: "We could see Dassault and Aerospatiale privatisation within the next 12 to 18 months, but that is likely to be partial privatisation. We are still a long time away from the formation of a single European defence company."

TUC head says new law will need help

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

JOHN MONKS, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, has warned unions that they must be ready to do a deal with business if they wish to gain workplace recognition and boost membership.

Mr Monks last night said that unions would have to satisfy four genuine concerns of employers if the Government's plans on union recognition were to work in practice.

Speaking in Liverpool at the annual dinner of the North West CBI, Mr Monks set out the unions' four pledges on recognition:

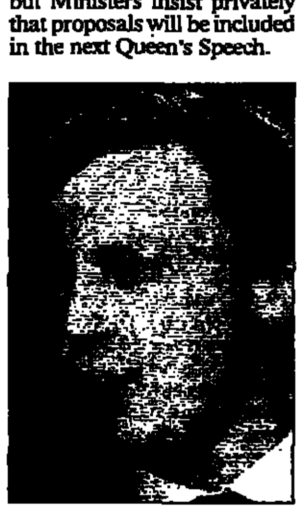
☐ Recognition proposals must be simple, and based mainly on the UK's voluntary traditions. Ministers claim that the TUC's own proposals are too complicated.

☐ Statutory recognition must not give rise to inter-union conflict. Mr Monks said: "We will not maintain public support for these rights if they lead to many unions chasing the same group of workers." He gave support to single-union deals.

☐ The definition of the "relevant workforce" to be granted recognition had to be clear.

☐ Although the law on recognition must be capable of enforcement, Mr Monks rejected inappropriate sanctions against employers.

Labour did not include in its legislative programme for the current parliamentary session its plans to introduce a legal right for unions to be recognised by employers if a majority of the workforce wants it, but Ministers insist privately that proposals will be included in the next Queen's Speech.



Monks: warned unions

British Coal proceeds at £1.3bn

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH COAL last year lifted the proceeds from privatisation to £1.3 billion with sales of property and two fund management businesses totalling £143 million.

The sales, which British Coal will not detail separately, are outlined in the last set of accounts from the organisation which next year will be dissolved. Last year British Coal sold CINMan, the mineworkers' pension scheme management operation, and CINProp, the property asset managers for the mining pension scheme, along with a variety of property and agricultural land interests.

The accounts for the year to March 31 revealed that Philip Hutchinson, the former director of legal affairs who became chairman this month, received a performance-related bonus of £19,800, for ensuring that asset sales took place on time, down from £23,760. His salary increased from £96,000 to £99,000 while that of Neil Clarke, the chairman and only other executive member, fell from £217,500 to £112,500 as he moved to part-time working. Mr Clarke retired last month.

A date has still to be set for full dissolution of the organisation.

Former banker posts bail in Hong Kong

KEVIN WALLACE, a former private banking star at Merrill Lynch, posted bail of more than HK$1 million (£76,603) after he was detained earlier this week, police said yesterday. The sum included bail of HK$100,000 in cash and HK$1 million in a personal guarantee. Police said no charges had been filed and Mr Wallace must report to them again on July 16.

The 46-year-old American was arrested on Monday night, along with an unidentified Chinese man, and released on Tuesday. Police declined to say why Mr Wallace was arrested. Merrill Lynch International started civil proceedings against Mr Wallace last month in Singapore and Hong Kong. It also filed a criminal complaint in Singapore. Merrill Lynch accused Mr Wallace of engaging in "unauthorised trading, misrepresenting or falsifying private clients' statements and forging client signatures" Mr Wallace was employed by Merrill Lynch from late 1991 until he was dismissed on May 15 this year.

Marling in the red

MARLING INDUSTRIES, the seatbelt and industrial webbing group, plunged into the red with a loss of £5.2 million in the 12 months to March 31, compared with a profit of £5.1 million a year earlier. This was mainly due to a loss on the sale of its Muller Elastics subsidiary. Earnings per share fell from 1.91p to 0.26p. The company is cutting its dividend payments, with a final dividend of 0.12p giving a full-year payout of 0.24p (0.85p).

Pyramid sales attacked

THE International Chamber of Commerce has urged governments in Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet republics to clamp down on pyramid sales of life and accident insurance policies. It said a small number of sales agencies, usually based in Western Europe, were using pyramid sales on an unlicensed basis in the new market economies to distribute policies of West European insurers, so exploiting inconsistent law and enforcement in Eastern and Central Europe.

US merger support

THE US Government stood firm in its support for the proposed merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas yesterday, amid fears that European Commission opposition could spark a transatlantic trade war. During a visit to London, William Daley, the US Secretary of Commerce, said: "We believe the merger is good for the companies, the industry and its customers around the world." He would not say whether the US would recognise any European Commission action.

Mittal plans flotation

LAKSHMI MITTAL, one of Britain's wealthiest businessmen who made a fortune out of turning around loss-making steel companies worldwide, is planning a $2.8 billion (£1.6 billion) stock market flotation. Sources close to the issue said that Indian-born Mittal, 47, plans to raise about $450 million by selling some 16 per cent control in his family-owned Ispat International group which will be listed on the New York and Amsterdam Stock Exchanges.

MAID in F&S deal

MAID, the online business information group, has joined forces with Foster & Sullivan, the world's fourth largest market research company, to launch a new series of business reports on 700 sectors. The two will split the profits from the reports, which will only be available on MAID's internet-based system. The deal is intended to strengthen the company's hand against Reuters. MAID's shares rose 17½p to 172½p.

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BWD Securities ahead

BWD SECURITIES, the investment manager, yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £1.5 million for the six months to May 31, up from £1.3 million previously. Turnover improved from £7.8 million to £8.5 million, while funds under management at BWD Rensburg increased from £1 billion to £1.3 billion. An interim dividend of 2.2p (2p) is due to be paid on October 1. The payout is from earnings per share that rose to 5p from 4.4p.

Eaton-Dana agreement

EATON CORP has signed a definitive agreement with Dana Corp, whereby Eaton will purchase Dana's worldwide clutch business for $180 million (£107 million) and Dana will purchase Eaton's worldwide axle and brake business, including Eaton's forging operation in Marion, Ohio, for $287 million. Eaton said the transactions are for cash and the agreements are subject to the due diligence process and normal governmental approvals.

Wells Fargo shares fall

SHARES in Wells Fargo, America's eighth-largest bank, fell sharply after the bank said its second-quarter earnings will be well below Wall Street expectations. The shares lost $18 (£10.70) to $261 on the New York Stock Exchange after a brief trading halt prompted by the company's announcement that its earnings per share would be about $1 below analysts' forecasts of $3.53. The company will report its second-quarter earnings on Tuesday

Zeneca to boost capacity

ZENECA, the pharmaceuticals company, is to invest £31 million at its Macclesfield site to provide further manufacturing capacity for Zoladex, the prostrate and breast cancer treatment. The investment will be used to build a new plant, adding to existing capacity and capable of manufacturing 3.6mg and 10.8mg units of the drug. The company said the new facility is expected to be operational in 2000, adding that an unspecified number of permanent jobs will be created.

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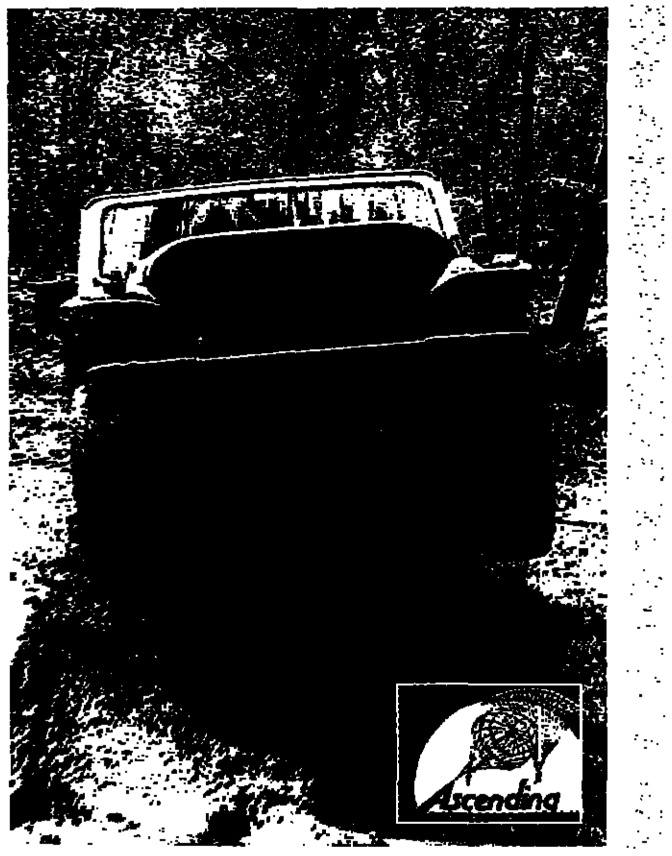

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CHANGING TIMES

Vodafone and Cellnet link-ups to fall in August

BT cuts mobile call costs

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM yesterday dropped the prices of calls made to Vodafone and Cellnet, the two largest mobile phone companies, and said more reductions will follow later this year.

Starting August 7, BT customers will pay 2.6 per cent less for calls made to the Cellnet and Vodafone networks during the day, 12 per cent less in the evening and 16 per cent less at the weekend. The new daytime rate is 36.5p a minute, compared with the previous 37.5p.

The reductions are the result of new agreements by Vodafone and Cellnet, which is 60 per cent owned by BT, to reduce the prices they charge BT to complete calls on their networks. BT said it is passing almost all of the savings to its customers.

Additional cuts are to be implemented this year, partly because of pressure from Oftel, the phone regulator, to narrow the high price difference between fixed line and mobile phone calls.

Calls made to Orange and One-2-One, the two smallest mobile phone companies, are still less expensive. The daytime rate for calls made to Orange and One-2-One is 30p a minute.

Lehman Brothers, the securities firm, has reduced its earnings forecasts for BT by about 10 per cent since the Chancellor's announcement in the Budget that he is to abolish dividend tax credits.

Lehman now expects BT to report pre-tax profits of 33.2p a share, down from the previous estimate of 36p, in the year to March 1998, and 32.8p, down from 36.4p, in the following year.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.19
Austria Sch	21.87	20.21
Belgium Fr	64.44	59.49
Canada $	2.437	2.249
Cyprus Cyp£	0.916	0.845
Denmark Kr	11.89	11.00
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.60
France Fr	10.4	9.71
Germany Dm	3.13	2.88
Greece Dr	492	453
Hong Kong $	13.82	12.62
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.07
Israel Shk	6.29	5.84
Italy Lira	3069	2832
Japan Yen	205.03	187.50
Malta	0.698	0.627
Netherlds Gld	3.533	3.238
New Zealand $	2.68	2.42
Norway Kr	12.96	12.02
Portugal Esc	312.03	290.00
S Africa Rd	8.40	7.44
Spain Pta	262.29	243.50
Sweden Kr	13.82	12.72
Switzerland Fr	2.61	2.40
Turkey Lira	294525	244647
USA $	1.789	1.646

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Burton divides and rules

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

The bounce in Burton Group shares on the back of its demerger plans will have generated a few shivers of discomfort in other boardrooms. If a strategy of dividing itself into two simple businesses can instantly add almost ten per cent to Burton's value, investors will be tempted to find other candidates for self-division.

Is Kingfisher, for instance, worth more than the sum of its half dozen different businesses? Sir Geoff Mulcahy has posed the question himself over the years, and his chums at McKinsey have generally been able to come up with a comfortingly affirmative response. If they were forced to do the sums again today, they might find demerger beginning to look a more attractive option.

Splitting up is not a guaranteed route to enhancing value, as Lord Hanson has demonstrated with his four-way carve-up of the business he created. But his former adversaries at ICI provided ample evidence that demerger can be highly profitable when they carved glamorous Zeneca out of the dull chemical company.

The question is what value the *centre can provide* in a group structure. At Burton, John Hoerner has decided that his businesses have no need of a group chief executive, and he is exiting head office to actually run a company. Although he is not taking a pay cut, the move is not one other corporate kings are likely to relish. At Kingfisher, Sir Geoff has fought back hard since the dark days of a couple of years ago and rebuilt the business into a group in which the individual companies are gathering strength. The irony is that his very success in strengthening the management in the operating companies means that they are probably now strong enough to float free from the group structure.

The cover of Kingfisher's last glossy annual report proclaimed the message: "Building shareholder value by making the customer king". If the share-buying customer perceives more value in a series of tightly focused companies than in a wide ranging retail group, then demerger may be what is required.

Sears has already, belatedly, admitted as much with its decision to float Selfridges, although it is still not rushing to bring relief to its long-suffering *shareholders*.

Storehouse might be prevailed upon to follow. Sir Terence Conran's dream of putting British Home Stores and Mothercare into a retail super-group along with his Habitat has long crumbled. Now it could be argued that there should be a final divorce of those two businesses. An independent Mothercare might stand more chance of regaining its former glories than it has done under the umbrella of an organisation which also shelters a would-be competitor: BhS does sell children's clothes too.

Cannibalisation is not an attractive concept. Its damaging effects are all too clear at WH Smith, another group where dismemberment must eventually be considered.

Little guy suffers in the switch to Fids

Allied Domecq and EMI yesterday kick-started what will soon become a common trend by deciding to pay foreign income dividends, or Fids as they are unloveably known. Both companies have declared their dividends, but have moved swiftly to make Fids of their payments because of the tax changes in last week's Budget. Although this should make no difference to the net dividend, personal equity plan investors and charities will lose out.

In simple terms, it no longer makes sense for many international companies to pay conventional dividends. This is because the pension funds, who typically own the majority of their shares, can no longer claim back the associated 20 per cent tax credit. Companies that pay dividends from their foreign profits often cannot recover all of their advance corporation tax if they pay conventional dividends — and it was this problem that Norman Lamont sought to address with his invention of Fids. However, unrelieved ACT was a trivial concern all the time the pension funds could claim their extra 20 per cent. Now that they can no longer do so, it makes no immediate difference to them whether they receive a Fid or a conventional dividend. In the long term, all investors should benefit if companies can cut the size of their ACT problem and avoid the need for write-offs.

Fine, except there is no long term where Fids are concerned, because Gordon Brown intends to abolish them in 1999. Unfortunately, the Treasury failed to realise that this could prompt SmithKline Beecham, Rio Tinto and every other international earner to decamp to Bermuda to avoid being taxed twice on the same profits. This necessitated last week's embarrassing climbdown from Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General — the net effect of which is that we don't know what will follow Fids.

However, the Chancellor's hasty move has once again hit the little guys — Peps and charities. These were spared an immediate loss of tax credit on conventional dividends. But they will still lose out if leading companies switch to Fids for the next two years, because there is no rebate available on them. Of course, it goes without saying that leading British companies with large international earnings *are exactly the* shares to be found in the portfolios of Peps and charities.

The worry is that corporate taxation is becoming far too complicated. This may be great for tax lawyers, but it is bad news for everyone else.

Insurers fail to reassure

The behaviour of the insurance companies in the personal pension review continues to mystify. Perhaps they believe that there is no such thing as bad publicity, and that the linking of their names with injustice to existing customers will not affect their ability to win new ones. Or perhaps they suspect that they have no reputation left to lose. Do they not fear the sanctions that the Economic Secretary can take against them? Or have their lawyers advised them that, although the minister can temporarily withdraw a financial firm's authorisation to do business, endless legal challenges can be mounted to delay such a step?

As their excuse for their bad marks, the insurers did not plead that Gordon Brown's abolition of the dividend tax credit, with its impact on the value of pensions, had forced them to rethink their compensation figures. They are obviously saving this one up for next month's report.

Instead their new solution to *minimise the problem* is to decrease the numbers who are eligible for payouts, a neat trick, but not entirely convincing. Overnight the insurers have discovered that thousands of customers were properly sold personal pensions after all. Legal & General has alone reclassified some 12,000 individuals. This approach suggests that the companies were not rigorous enough in their earlier calculations of appropriate cases for compensation and that little faith can be placed in either their procedures, or their will to make amends.

BAe takes a flier

IT was somewhat optimistic of British Aerospace to lay its wishlist before a bunch of French politicians. They may have listened politely, but after the way that GEC's advances to takeover Thomson were rebuffed, it is hard to imagine that the French will be more inclined towards privatising their defence industry in order to fit with BAe's view of the future. The BAe effort might be more productively directed to talking to GEC.

New Co-op Bank chief to steer CWS shake-up

By Caroline Merrell and Jason Nissé

THE Co-operative Wholesale Society, which recently saw off an £1.2 billion attempt to take it over, is to turn to the highly successful Co-operative Bank in an attempt to shake up the sleepy organisation.

As part of a review of its financial services operation, CWS has appointed a financial services management consultant to replace Terry Thomas, the current chief executive of the bank, who is retiring later this year. One of the first tasks of Mervyn Pedelty, who replaces Mr Thomas, will be to review how the bank can be more closely integrated with the CWS group, which includes 700 Co-op retail stores.

During the recent failed takeover attempt by Galileo, the consotrtium led by Andrew Regan, CWS came under fire for not exloiting the synergies between the retail and the banking parts of the business sufficiently. A CWS spokesman said Mr Pedelty would also become a member of the CWS executive.

This is the first time that a chief executive of the bank has had a position on the CWS executive. Mr Pedelty said: "We already offer banking services through our stores, but we want to build on this."

He said it was too early to say what his plans for the bank, but said: "We think there are great opportunities in closer links between the retail side and the financial services side." He said he had no plans to change the bank's much publicised stance on ethical and green issues, which was pioneered by Mr Thomas.

Mr Pedelty is currently a partner in The LEK Partnership, a leading international firm of management consultants, before that he was finance director of the TSB banking and insurance businesses and then chief executive of commercial operations for the TSB Group.

Alan Prescott, CWS deputy chief executive, said: "Terry Thomas has made a major contribution to the bank and will leave it in excellant shape."

The Co-op Bank's performance was the only bright spark when CWS delivered *poor result in April, at a time* when it still looked likely that Galileo was to mount a £1.2 billion bid for the 237-year-old organisation. Co-op Bank showed a 21 per cent increase in trading profits while the CWS group as a whole suffered a £10 million drop in profits, before tax and distribution to members, to £68.2 million.

Graham Melmouth, CWS's chief executive, admitted the figures were poor and that the group needed fresh ideas.

However a few days leter CWS fired its retail director, Allan Green, when it emerged he had passed confidential documents to Mr Green, a transaction which investigators for CWS had caught on video.

Mr Green has since been charged with theft and Mr Regan and his colleague, David Lyons, with handling stolen goods.

British Biotech shares hurt by drug delay fears

By Paul Durman

SHARES in British Biotech, *the largest of the* UK's emerging biopharmaceuticals companies, dropped sharply yesterday because of concern about possible delays in the development of its first two drugs.

Some analysts were disappointed to hear that the first results of British Biotech's phase III trial of Marimastat, its highly promising cancer *drug, will not* be available until 1999. The company has also suffered a setback with Zacutex, the pancreatitis drug that it hopes to launch in Europe early next year. It has been advised to increase the size of phase 3 trials in the US from 450 to 1,500 patients, which will delay the results.

The shares fell from 201p to the day's low of *173p*, before rallying to 185½p. At that price, the company, which yesterday reported an increased annual loss of £28.9 million (£25.2 million), is worth £1.2 billion.

British Biotech declared that "overall, the company's portfolio of drugs is progressing well". It intends to begin human trial of two more *drugs in the next six months*, one a treatment for multiple sclerosis, the other a treatment for thrombosis.

Keith McCullagh, chief executive, said: "Development of Marimastat is proceeding on target and preparations for a potential European launch of Zacutex in 1998 are also well in hand."

The company has appointed Malcolm Fallen as its finance director. Mr Fallen, who was previously finance director at BT's personal communications *business, replaces James* Noble.

British Biotech ended its financial in April with £183 million in cash. The company has been beefing up its management team ahead of the launch of Zacutex, and its administrative expenditure rose steeply from £6.7 million to £11.7 million. Research and development *spending also rose, from* £29.1 million to £36.3 million. The company raised £143 million through a rights issue a year ago. It also received two milestone payments during the year: £4.4 million from Tanabe Seiyaku, which has the rights to develop and market Marimastat in Japan, and £4 million from Glaxo *Wellcome, which is developing* an arthritis drug under licence.

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GILL ALLEN

Hilary Cropper and David Best, finance director, of FI Group, where profits surged

FI plans Indian merger

By Fraser Nelson

FI GROUP, the computer services company, is considering merging with an Indian computer company to establish a supply of low-cost programers to cope with demand from British clients.

The company, whose chief executive is Hilary Cropper, was *originally planning* to announce a joint venture this summer, but has since rethought *its* strategy and is now looking at more formal ties with an Indian software house.

It has already set up three British applications management centres in the design it intends to use in India, and is ready to transfer work to offshore programers without any disruption.

Tricia Gardom, marketing director, said: "We are ready to go. Our applications management centres are already running the systems as if they were a thousand miles away from the client."

After winning a series of multimillion pound contracts from Barclays Bank, Whitbread and Sainsbury's, pretax profits grew from £3.76 million to £6.58 million in the year to April 30 on sales up 25 *per cent at £98.8 million.* Earnings rose from 8.2p to 14.8p a share. The dividend rises to 5.1p (4.1p) with a final 3.4p due October 1.

Shares in the Woolwich fall for third day

By Caroline Merrell

WOOLWICH shares fell for the third consecutive day yesterday, losing 6p to close at 295p.

The price of the Woolwich has now fallen nearly 20 per cent since its peak of 368½p on the first day of trading. Yesterday's fall is certain to further enrage some of the 30 per cent or so of Woolwich savers and borrowers who opted for share certificates. Many are still waiting for the certificates to arrive. Until they do, they will be unable to deal.

The fall will also anger some Woolwich shareholders who have not yet received their share entitlement because of computer problems. The glitches are believed to surround the transfer of information concerning tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas).

The Woolwich said: "Everyone who is eligible for shares will receive them. If there is anyone out there who believes they could be eligible, then they should contact us." Around 12 per cent of the shares were unclaimed when the society floated on Monday.

The Woolwich yesterday said it was not planning to compensate those who could have lost out because of the computer bungles. It added that each case would have to be considered on its merits, and denied that the figure for those who had not yet received their share allocation was as high as 300,000.

The average price of shares in the second of four auctions to sell off the holdings of those who wished to sell immediately was 292p. Shareholders will get the average price from all auctions. The highest bid was 303p while the lowest was 287p.

There have been suggestions in the market that institutional investors have been driving down the price of Woolwich shares in the hope of picking them up cheaply now. When the former building society joins the FTSE 100 index in September many tracker funds will need to buy the shares.

OFT's study of Bupa bid is extended

By Marianne Curphey

BUPA, the private healthcare provider, says that it sees "no *reason" why its £77 million* bid for Goldsborough Healthcare should be blocked by the Office of Fair Trading. The comments came after the OFT announced yesterday that it was extending its period for inquiry into the deal by 15 working days, to August 5.

Observers said that the extension was an indication of how seriously the new Gov*ernment took healthcare.*

Ministers are believed to be particularly concerned about the domination of the UK private healthcare market by just a few players.

Paul Saper, an analyst with Laing & Buisson, said that the problem was that Bupa was both a provider of healthcare, via its private hospital network, and a purchaser of care. *"There is a* strong lobby which complains that the current rationalisation taking place in the market is threatening business competition," he said.

Domecq to sell wine businesses

ALLIED DOMECQ, the drinks group, has sold two of its French wine businesses to a group of investors backed by *3i, the venture capital group*, for about £15 million. Leading the investors is Jack Drounau, former managing director of Seagram's Martell business.

The sale of J Calvet & Cie of Bordeaux and J Moreau Fils of Chablis was in line with a strategy of "focusing resources behind a range of core international brands", Allied said.

The company also gave *further details of plans to* create up to 4,000 jobs, more than half of them full-time, as part of a £150 million development programme in the next financial year. The expansion will go mainly into adding 140 units to its leading pub concepts.

There are plans for 43 new Big Steak Pubs and 24 Firkin Brewery operations, while £9 *million* will be invested in the Mr Q's music-driven concept aimed at young people.

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Windfall boom boosts UK say shops

By Sarah Cunningham and Penny Staniaszek

THE theory that the current consumer boom — fuelled by £30 billion of building society and insurance company windfalls — is merely putting cash into the pockets of foreign manfacturers was challenged yesterday.

According to John Clare, chief executive of *Dixons*, more than half the electronics goods being snapped up by people cashing in their Halifax or Norwich Union shares are actually helping to keep and create jobs in this country. Other retailers backed the claims by Mr Clare that most of the goods his Currys, PC World, The Link and Dixons oulets sell have been made or assembled in the UK.

Many leading foreign brand names, such as Sony, Fujitsu and Technics, have opened plants in the UK in recent years, particularly in South Wales and Scotland's so-called Silicon Glen. They *have* been tempted by Britain having trading advantages as a member of the European Union, but also cheaper labour and laws far more favourable to employers than many continental countries.

Mr Clare said that more than 90 per cent of the dishwashers, microwave ovens and washing machines sold by the group are British made. Out of the brands of personal computers it sells, 80 to 90 per cent of Compaq models and all Apricots are now assembled in the UK, while IBM assembles about 20 per cent of its computers here, using largely foreign components.

Some Dixons goods are still sourced from abroad, including cameras, hi-fi systems and personal hi-fis. "Our preference is to support British-based manufacturers wherever possible, provided that they are internationally competitive," Mr Clare said.

Comet, part of the Kingfisher group, says it is also benefiting from windfall spending and that much of what it sells is made or assembled in the UK. "The spending is mostly on upgrades — things like hi-fis and wide-screen televisions," a spokeswoman said.

Another company whose shares benefited from the Dixons figures yesterday, in expectation of a big sales uplift, was Marks & Spencer. Although the drift of textile companies overseas means that it sells an increased amount of foreign goods. M&S remains one of the biggest supporters of British manufacturing, as well as one of the biggest retail employers.

Taste for a bargain

Second senior executive leaves Emap for United

By Eric Reguly

EMAP, the magazines and radio group, yesterday lost its second senior executive to United News & Media since April.

United, owner of the Express newspapers and two ITV franchises, appointed Tony Tillin as chief executive of Miller Freeman, the division that comprises 290 business magazines and 390 trade shows, making it the world's largest exhibitions business.

Mr Tillin was Emap's director of business communications, whose magazines include *Retail Week*. He has been replaced by Derek Carter, who was Mr Tillin's deputy.

Mr Tillin will work with David Arculus, Emap's former managing director who is now United's chief of operations. Robin Miller, Emap's chief executive, said he regretted Mr Tillin's departure: "The loss of anyone senior is not to be welcomed."

But he said Mr Tillin's resignation would not affect the planned sale of 14 Emap magazines, including *Media Week* and *UK Press Gazette*. Mr Tillin had managed the sale which, Mr Miller said, is now expected to close "in weeks rather than months."

A group led by Simon Timm, Emap's former publishing director, is thought to be the leading candidate for the titles, with a bid of about £15 million.

A separate bid has been launched for *Media Week* and *UK Press Gazette*, both of which are loss-making. Mr Miller said his preference is to select one buyer for all 14 titles.

STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares of retailers rise in 'buy British' spree

THE relentless rise of the pound against its major rivals means that City investors are happy to buy British.

Those companies that enjoy strong domestic growth and are unaffected by currency fluctuations are now flavour of the month. Yesterday it was the turn of the store groups and supermarket chains. Both are starting to benefit from the building society windfalls, as highlighted by full-year figures from Dixons.

J Sainsbury, up 12p at 399½p, also cheered shareholders at the annual meeting. Total sales growth was up 8.3 per cent, while like-for-like sales were 4.2 per cent ahead, so far this year. Margins were also holding steady.

There was positive news for the food retailers earlier this week when the latest inflation numbers showed the price of fresh food products rising.

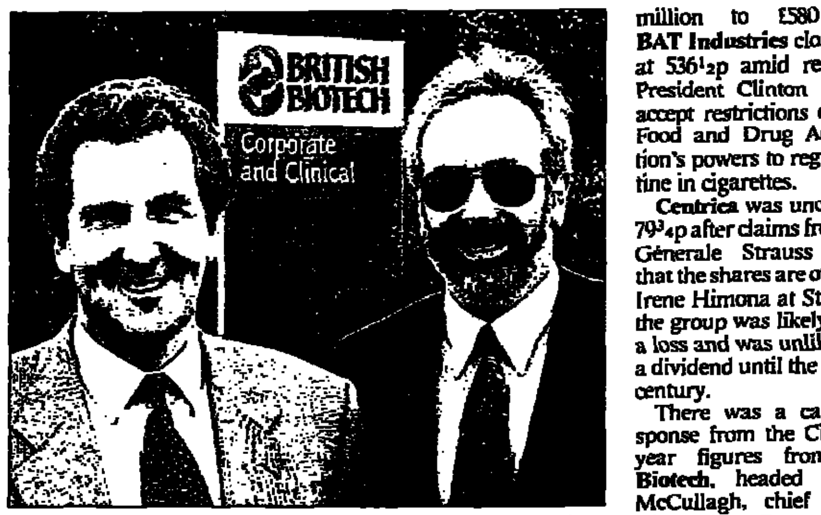
Sainsbury was able to make headway despite Sociètè Gènerale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, urging clients to switch into **Safeway**, 12p better at 387p. The news from Sainsbury was also good news for **Asda**, up 1¾p at 139¼p, **Kwik-Save**, 2½p firmer at 324p, **William Morrison** 3½p harder at 168p, and **Tesco** 11p stronger at 419½p.

Reuters is seen as another casualty of a strong pound, finishing the day 23½p cheaper at 568p.

The rest of the equity market ended on a flat note, with investors waiting anxiously for the outcome of the Bank of England independent economic policy committee meeting. A further quarter-point rise in interest rates appears to be on the cards. In the event, the FTSE 100 index rallied strongly from an early near 30-point fall to sport a rise of almost 20 points at one stage. It was unable to hold on to the best gains, as Wall Street suffered an opening setback, andclosed just 3.9 up at 4,762.4.

Total turnover reached 935 million shares, boosted by several program trades among second and third liners.

This week's report highlighting that manufacturing output had slumped to its lowest level for more than a decade continued to undermine the engineering sector. There were losses for **David Brown**, 28p to 190p, **Powerscreen International**, 18p to 634½p, **Morgan Crucible**, 10½p to 408p, and **Siebe**, 9p to 989p.



Keith McCullagh, left, and Alan Drummond of British Biotech, down 15½p on a slowdown in research trials

News of a profits warning left **BWI** nursing a fall of 10½p at 87p. The process and packaging machinery group has become the latest casualty of a strong pound. This has led to a number of major orders being delayed. Profits will also be affected by increased restructuring charges of £1.5 million, with profits overall falling from £8.3 million to £5.5 million.

A profits downgrading left **ICI** 10½p down at 806p. HSBC James Capel, the broker, is said to have cut its forecast for the current year from £470 million to £355 million, reflecting the strong pound and the affects of scrapping the ACT credits on dividends. It has also reduced its numbers for 1998 by £70 million to £580 million.

BAT Industries closed 12p off at 536½p amid reports that President Clinton refuses to accept restrictions on the US Food and Drug Administration's powers to regulate nicotine in cigarettes.

Centrica was unchanged at 79¾p after claims from Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull that the shares are overvalued. Irene Himona at Strauss said the group was likely to record a loss and was unlikely to pay a dividend until the turn of the century.

There was a cautious response from the City to full-year figures from **British Biotech**, headed by Keith McCullagh, chief executive, with Alan Drummond the research director. The shares ended down 15½p at 185½p. Brokers were disappointed because of concerns that Marimastat, its cancer treatment, had fallen behind schedule during phase 3 trials.

Cable & Wireless firmed 1p to 549½p despite being underpinned by a "strong buy" recommendation from Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, which has also set a target price of 800p.

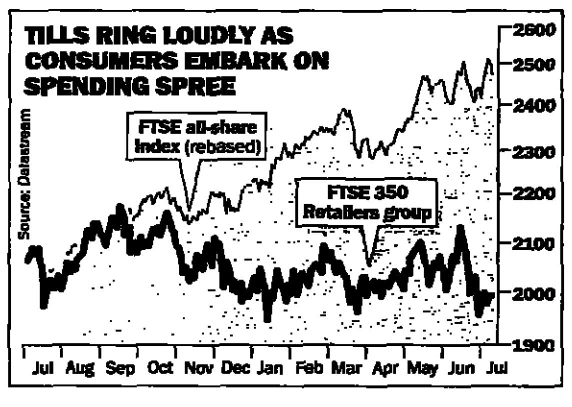
Woolwich, this week's newcomer, lost a further 6p at 295p. The second of four auctions for stock by institutional investors produced an average price of 292.3p on 12.3 million shares traded. That compares with the first auction price of 315.3p on Monday.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The London bond market underperformed other major bond markets as investors braced themselves for a further rise in bank base rates. Dealers say rates could rise by as much as half a point, although the general view suggests a rise of a quarter of a point. Prices gave up ground before the close with longer dated issues the worst hit.

In futures, the September series of the long gilt finished £⅜ off at £114⁹⁄₃₂ as a total of 52,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £½ down at £110³⁄₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 shed five ticks at £102¼.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares opened higher with the 8,000 level in sight, but slid as trading curbs were applied. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 30.99 points lower at 7,931.32.



STORE chains enjoyed the three best gains among the top 100 companies. The move was prompted by better than expected profits from Dixons up 43½p (8.8 per cent) at 536p, which says sales have been boosted by the building society windfalls. There were also gains for Marks & Spencer 26p higher at 534p, Kingfisher 28p at 692½p, Next 23p at 708½p, Great Universal Stores 16½p at 614½p, and Boots 20½p to 782p.

Robin Althouse, at MeesPierson, says that yesterday's sharp gains were delayed reaction to last week's Budget.

"The Budget did nothing to curb consumer spending. The relative growth of earnings should now be faster than that of the index and that has only just started to sink in. There is always the danger of the economy slipping into recession when interest rates are jacked higher.".

Mr Althouse believes the sector may still have further to run. Kingfisher is regarded as still undervalued, while MeesPierson continues to push Dixons.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7931.32 (-30.99)
S&P Composite	916.15 (-2.60)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19697.17 (-156.72)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	14703.73 (-88.44)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	935.37 (+17.33)

Sydney:

AO	2696.10 (+16.90)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4055.86 (+49.46)

Singapore:

Straits	1982.97 (-24.26)

Brussels:

General	14088.68 (+11.56)

Paris:

CAC-40	2950.56 (+20.75)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1215.20 (-2.80)

London:

FT 30	3030.1 (+5.6)
FTSE 100	4762.4 (+3.9)
FTSE 250	4395.5 (-5.3)
FTSE 350	2286.0 (+1.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2680.53 (+26.70)
FTSE All-Share	2236.64 (+0.62)
FTSE Non Financials	2249.78 (-1.00)
FTSE Fixed Interest	125.30 (-0.03)
FTSE Govt Secs	97.18 (Same)
Bargains	49522
SEAQ Volume	934.8m
US$	1.6853 (-0.0044)
German Mark	2.9695 (+0.0002)
Exchange Index	104.1 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.5028
£:SDR	1.2192
RPI	157.5 Jun (2.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.7 Jun (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

NEW ISSUES

AIT	150½	...	
Ashtenne	126½	...	
Bakery Services (3)	3¾	...	
Euro Mining Fin	25	+	½
Grosmont Hldgs	3	...	
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	1	...	
Highland Timber	122½	...	
Norwich Union (290)	325½	+	3½
Powderject Pharms	202½	...	
Primesight	135½	−	4½
Reabourne Merlin	110½	...	
Royalblue Group	210	...	
SBS Group	112½	...	
SGB Group	156	...	
Woolwich	295	−	6

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benchmark n/p (200)	15½	...
Dragon Oil n/p (2)	1	...
Mackie Intl n/p (20)	9	...
MWB Group n/p (175)	¾	...
Millwall Hldgs n/p (1)	¼	...
Waterfall n/p (75)	5½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Monarch	44p (+10p)
Dixons Gp	536½p (+44p)
Natl Express	479p (+22p)
Kingfisher	692½p (+28p)
Railtrack	713p (+28p)
Stagecoach	687½p (+25p)
Sage Gp	705p (+24p)
Next	708½p (+23p)
Shield Diag	480p (+15p)
Safeway	387p (+12p)
Cowie	350p (+10p)
Tesco	419½p (+11p)
Boots	782p (+20½p)

FALLS:

Low & Bonar	211½p (-32p)
Hall Eng	195p (-21p)
Kingsbury Gp	120p (-10p)
Medeva	248p (-14p)
Reuters	568p (-23½p)
Henlys	433½p (-15p)
Blue Circle	405½p (-13p)
Pearson	687½p (-18p)
BAT	536½p (-12p)

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TEMPUS

Growing, growing, gone?

DIXONS is giving the Bank of England a few reasons to push up interest rates — sales growth of 17 per cent and a huge store investment programme. But the stock market believes that a retail recession is just round the corner. Who is right?

The windfall from building society shares is clearly a one-off and Dixons admitted yesterday that such sales growth cannot be sustained. The gain was spectacular compared with last year, when TV sales enjoyed a boost from the Olympics and Euro '96. As a result current-year profits will enjoy a £15 million windfall, but there are reasons to expect growth to continue in 1998.

Dixons is spending £112 million this year on store expansion, mainly at Curry's, and a similar sum is earmarked for next year. The evidence of recent sales figures suggests that Dixons is having no trouble increasing market share, without the need to cut prices, a phenomenon which intrigues the OFT.

But what about interest rates, warn the bears? Inflation is rising, they say, and if the Bank of England does not act now it will pump up rates even more aggressively in the Autumn, causing a Christmas sales disaster. This seems alarmist, not least because consumer credit is priced at stratospheric APRs that bear no relation to base rates. The key to consumer confidence is housing. Negative equity is quickly receding and the mortgage market is competitive enough to keep rates at lowish levels.

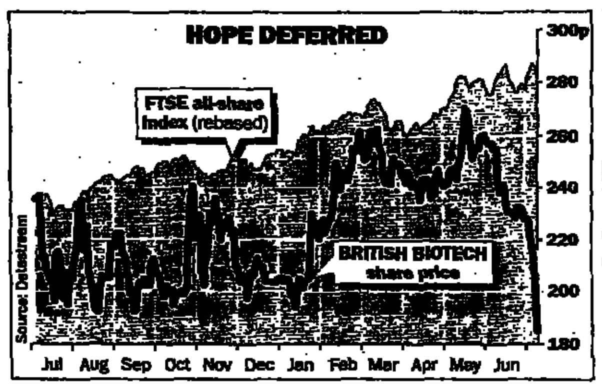
Dixons shares are rated on a par with market at 13.7 times current-year earnings, a ridiculous price for a company growing at such a rate. If this is recession, bring on the boom.

British Biotech

BIOTECH investors are nervous and desperately need reassurance, yet whichever way they turn lies fresh disappointment. A year that began brightly has seen a succession of companies fail to deliver on their promise. Hardly a good time for the daddy of them all, British Biotech, to bring news of more delays in the development of its first two drugs.

Compared to Celltech's problems, British Biotech's difficulties are barely worth mentioning. Yet so much is riding on the company and particularly on Marimastat, its cancer drug, it is not surprising that the shares initially dived 28p to 173p. The City was unnerved to hear that the first results of the crucial phase III trials of Marimastat will not be available until 1999. Meanwhile, in the US, British Biotech has been advised to treble the size of its trial of Zacutex, the pancreatitis drug that is intended to be the company's first launch. This in particular sends all the wrong signals. Biotech bears fear the industry's optimism is not backed by the know-how to design clinical trials that will pass regulatory muster.

British Biotech has assembled a first-rate management team, and in Marimastat it potentially has a blockbuster. But until the trial results are known, the share price will continue to be depressed by fear of failure. Even at their cheapest level for two years, it is hard to recommend a purchase.



MAID

WELCOME to the wonderful world of Dan Wagner, chief executive and founder of MAID, the electronic information group whose share price chart looks like a relief map of the Himalayas. Yesterday it announced a joint venture with Frost & Sullivan, the market research group, giving MAID joint ownership of the electronic distribution rights over F&S reports.

In theory, the deal gives Wagner a bargaining chip when dealing with Reuters, which recently pulled the plug on the news service it supplied to MAID. However, MAID reckons that 85 per cent of its subscribers only want market research, so losing the Reuters news feed does not matter anyway.

Up to a point. What subscribers want is a service that gives them the information they want — be it market research, finance or news — and also the capability to call up information quickly in an emergency. It is a bit like a newspaper. Some readers want articles on gardening, others lacrosse reports; without complete coverage, they will not buy the paper however good its basic news.

Wagner's problem is he is a peripheral player, with little market power. To compete against giants, he needs a strong partner, such as Bloomberg, which might just be tempted by the F&S deal to pay a hefty price for MAID.

Reg Vardy

THROUGH no fault of its own, Reg Vardy's investment credentials are crumbling. As a car dealer, it excels — yesterday's figures confirm its reputation as a retailer for all seasons, outperforming most of its rivals in good times as well as bad.

Vardy's traditional strength is in used cars but it is whipping the rest of the pack in new cars with sales growth of 20 per cent. The onwards march of its profits has only been slowed by its brave investment in new dealerships.

Moreover, the reduction in corporation tax will lift next year's earnings above the expected 24p a share, placing the company on an much better price/earnings ratio. But at present, its shares remain a long-term buy.

The blame lies with interest rates. The City is convinced that every quarter-point rise is bad news for car sales, and not even the prospect of building society windfalls seem able to combat this sentiment. A time when pension funds are pouring into "safe" sectors in post-Budget confusion is as good a time to buy as any, but the shares will be dull until institutions recover from the anxieties.

Reg Vardy is good at selling cars but the motor sector's cyclical nature makes it far from a safe home for your money.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1042-1036	Sep	1135-1133
Sep	1058-1056	Dec	1143-1140
Dec	1077-1076	Mar	1158-1150
Mar	1099-1095	May	1175-1170
May	1108-1107		
Jul	1122-1120		Volume: 6192

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1805-1800	Mar	1750 SLR
Sep	1829-1825	May	unq
Nov	1805-1800	Jul	
Jan	1760-1700		Volume: 3294

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	315.2-14.7
Spot: n/a		May	315.2-14.6
Aug	319.0-18.6	Aug	313.7-11.8
Oct	314.1-13.8	Oct	307.2-06.5
Dec	313.5-13.0		Volume: 5038

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	99.93	119.37	94.66
(+/-)	-1.70	+3.78	+1.60
Eng/Wales	99.99	119.50	99.42
(+/-)	-1.03	+3.96	+4.55
(%)	+4.0	+5.0	+6.0
Scotland	99.20	117.93	100.44
(+/-)	-2.66	+2.71	+0.76
(%)	-25.0	+59.0	+4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.15	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.25	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.40	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.50	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	190 (n/c)	191 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	164 (n/c)	166 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (n/c)	85 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (+1)	176 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	162.50-62.75	Oct	167.00-67.50
Aug	163.00-63.25	Nov	169.00-69.25
Sep	164.75-65.00		Vol 21264

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.14-18.15	Oct	18.46 BID
Aug	18.22-18.23	Nov	18.57-18.59
Sep	18.34-18.38		Vol: 32298

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Jul	78.00
Sep	81.00
Nov	83.00
Jan	85.25
Mar	87.25
	Volume: 303

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	76.25
Nov	78.75
Jan	80.75
Mar	82.75
May	84.00
	Volume: 121

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	36.5
Mar		56.5
Apr	65.0	66.5
		Volume: 132

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 59.75-60.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	1345	1330	1340
Aug 97	1275	1268	1275
Sep 97	1315	1310	1315
Oct 97	1425	1420	1425

Vol: 202 lots Open interest: 3175

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2395.0-2396.0	2271.0-2272.0	1519725
Lead ($/tonne)	638.00-639.00	651.00-651.50	222875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1439.0-1439.5	1451.5-1452.5	869350
Tin ($/tonne)	5475.0-5485.0	5520.0-5525.0	15025
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1528.0-1529.0	1557.0-1558.0	2069625
Nickel ($/tonne)	6751.0-6752.0	6860.0-6865.0	149922

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	420	15	35	42½	4	13½	23½
(*417½)	460	0½	17½	23½	28	35½	45½
ASDA	130	9½	13	16	0	3½	5½
(*139¼)	140	1½	7½	10½	2½	8	9½
Boots	750	29	55½	68½	1½	15	23
(*783)	800	4	30½	45½	20	34½	42½
Br Airways	650	44½	66	81	1	11	20
(*693)	700	8½	40	53	16	31½	40
BP	750	32	53	69	2	17½	27
(*798)	800	3½	27½	42	24	41	49½
Br Steel	140	3	11	14½	2	6½	9
(*141½)	160	0	3	7	19½	19	21
C & W	500	50	67	81	0½	9	17
(*549½)	550	9	36	52	11½	27	36
CU	650	26½	61	74½	7	37	44
(*672)	700	3	37	51	30	65	70½
ICI	800	12	38	58	11	33½	41
(*805)	850	1	18	36	47½	65	70½
Land Sec	900	21	49½	64	3½	21½	27
(*914½)	950	2	24	39	35½	47½	52½
M & S	500	33	48	57½	0	9	11
(*531)	550	1	19	29	18	27½	32½
Nat West	800	52	90	120½	5	41	58
(*848½)	850	20	66½	96½	22½	64	83
Safeway plc	360	27	39	47	0	5½	12
(*387)	390	4	20½	29	7	16½	24½
Sainsbury	390	13	27	35	4	12	18
(*399½)	420	1½	12½	21	22	28	34
Shell	417	0½	23	33	5	17	21½
(*421½)	433	2½	15	25	13½	25	29
SmKl Bch	1150	31½	91	111	9½	41½	60½
(*1172½)	1200	7½	55	84½	35	66	84
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	2100	48	110½	170½	11½	69	91½
(*2132½)	2200	8	73	125	71	121½	142

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAT Ind	500	37	53½	67½	1½	20½	26½
(*536)	550	3½	26	43	17½	44½	51½
Vodafone	280	13½	28	34	1½	9	14
(*292)	300	2	15½	24	10	18½	23½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	600	29½	47½	59½	14½	25½	36
(*617)	650	11	26½	31	49	53	53
Ladbroke	240	11	17	22½	6½	12½	14
(*242½)	260	3½	8½	13½	19	21	25½
Utd Bisc	200	10	19	20½	5	8½	11
(*209½)	220	3½	7½	12	17½	22	22½

July 9, 1997 Tot 49621 Call: 15445 Put: 34176 FTSE Call: 1611 Put: 2581

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	550	19½	37½	49	2	14	20
(*566½)	600	0	11½	25	33½	41	46
Thames W.	700	48	72	82	0½	17	22½
(*746½)	750	10½	43½	53	12	36½	43½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BTR	180	10	24	28	2½	8	9½
(*190)	200	6	12½	18	9½	17½	18½
Br Aero	1300	57	91	120	25½	49	58
(*1322½)	1350	31½	64½	93	50½	72	81½
Br Telcm	460	30½	37½	44½	9	16	23½
(*484½)	500	9½	19½	29	32	37½	44½
Cadbury	550	19	34½	44½	12½	25	28
(*552)	600	3½	15	22	49½	56	57½
Guinness	600	31½	47	57½	11½	24	30½
(*616)	650	9	23½	33	39½	51	56½
GEC	380	21	28½	35½	5½	11	14
(*390)	400	5½	15	21½	22	26½	29½
Hanson	280	17½	25½	31½	5½	12	15½
(*290)	300	7	16	21½	15	22½	25½
LASMO	260	20	28½	35½	3½	8½	11½
(*270)	280	9½	17½	25	12½	17	20½
LucasVarity	200	9	14½	20½	7	10½	13
(*201)	220	2½	6½	12	20	22½	24½
Pilkingtn	120	6½	—	—	5	—	—
(*120½)	130	2½	—	—	11	—	—
Prudential	550	59	72	86	8	20	21½
(*594½)	600	26	43	57½	24½	40	42
Redland	280	16	24½	29½	7	14½	16½
(*285½)	300	7	15	20½	18	25½	27
R-Royce	220	11	18	23	8½	13	15½
(*221)	240	4	9½	14½	21½	24	27
Tesco	390	35½	44	53	3½	9½	13½
(*423)	420	15	25	35	13	20½	25
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4761)

	4650	4700	4750	4800	4850	4900
Calls						
Jul	123½	86	54½	32	16½	8
Aug	167½	135	105½	80½	59	42½
Sep	207	175½	145½	118½	96½	75
Oct	240	209½	179	150	128½	106½
Dec	—	274½	—	213	—	163½
Puts						
Jul	23	37½	58	85	120½	162
Aug	66	83	104½	129½	159½	192½
Sep	89	105½	126½	150½	179½	209
Oct	103	121½	141	164½	193½	222½
Dec	—	187½	—	189	—	243½

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Abby Nat	850	18½	59	81½	13½	50½	62½
(*852)	900	5½	38	59	49½	80½	93½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1200	40½	95½	134½	12	62½	82½
(*1226½)	1250	15	70½	109	36½	86½	107½
Natl Pwr	500	37½	54½	63	0½	10	16
(*536½)	550	3½	25	34	17	29½	37

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Glaxo Well	1300	27	72½	109½	11½	57½	71½
(*1313)	1350	3	49½	83	41	85	97½
HSBC	1900	57	133½	192	11	76	105½
(*1942½)	2000	10	85	140	64½	128	154½
Reuter	550	22	48½	64	3	18	23½
(*568)	600	1½	26½	40½	32½	45½	50
Royal & Sun	400	10½	31½	41	5½	23½	31½
(*406)	500	0½	15	24	36	47	54½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Blue Circ	390	23½	32½	42	5	13	16
(*405½)	420	7½	17½	26½	19½	28½	32

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Kingfishr	650	51	68½	82	4½	13½	20
(*692½)	700	22½	40	53	21	33	40½

	Series	Calls Jun			Puts Jun		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Dixons	500	44½	58	67½	11	17½	21
(*536½)	550	18	31	41½	34½	41	47
EMI Group	1100	52	87	105½	54	70½	82½
(*1100½)	1150	32½	66½	84	85	99	111
Tarmac	110	10½	12	14½	2½	5	6½
(*116)	120	5	7½	10	7½	10½	12
Hillsdwn	160	8	—	—	5½	—	—
(*161)	180	1½	—	—	19½	—	—
Lonrho	120	8½	11½	14	5	6	9
(*122)	130	5	7½	10	11½	12	15
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	280	11	17½	20½	12½	16	19½
(*284½)	300	3½	9	12½	26	28	31½
Lloyds TSB	650	50½	75	87½	29	38½	49
(*673½)	700	27½	51½	62½	54½	63½	74
Scot Pwr	390	29½	34½	39½	12	16	22
(*411½)	420	12	19½	25½	27	31	36
Unilever	1700	115	152	180½	17	34	43½
(*1778½)	1800	53	91	121½	56½	73½	84

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	114-25	114-27	114-06	114-09	52115
Previous open interest 163444	Dec 97				113-28	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.77	103.15	102.76	102.86	200701
Previous open interest 298329	Dec 97	102.13	102.21	102.04	101.93	320
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	136.40	137.05	136.40	136.56	64491
Previous open interest 110879	Dec 97				108.55	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.84	124.86	124.78	124.82	933
	Dec 97				124.200	
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.81	92.82	92.78	92.78	20883
	Dec 97	92.60	92.60	92.55	92.55	27287
Previous open interest 566363	Mar 98	92.51	92.51	92.44	92.45	11668
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.84	96.85	96.84	96.85	12576
Previous open interest 1482096	Dec 97	96.77	96.79	96.77	96.78	12858
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.44	93.46	93.38	93.40	17159
Previous open interest 340820	Dec 97	93.86	93.89	93.81	93.83	12886
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97	99.19	99.19	99.19	99.19	13
	Mar 98				99.00	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.46	98.54	98.46	98.50	13779
Previous open interest 133253	Dec 97	98.31	98.38	98.31	98.35	7709
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.84	95.84	95.80	95.80	657
Previous open interest 30935	Dec 97	95.82	95.82	95.81	95.79	220
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4785.0	4803.5	4720.0	4773.0	12116
Previous open interest 70977	Dec 97	4863.0	4863.0	4863.0	4836.0	50

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¹¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth 6¹¹⁄₃₂. Sell: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 6⁹⁄₃₂.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6½-6¹¹⁄₃₂	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6⅞-6¹³⁄₁₆	7⅛-7	
Sterling Money Rates:	6²³⁄₃₂-6¹⁹⁄₃₂	6²⁵⁄₃₂-6⅝	7-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7¹⁹⁄₃₂-7¹⁵⁄₃₂
Interbank:	6¾-6¹⁹⁄₃₂	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¾	7-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¼-7⅛	7¹⁹⁄₃₂-7¹⁵⁄₃₂

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6⅞	7⅛	7½
Sterling CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6²⁹⁄₃₂-6²⁷⁄₃₂	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7¹⁹⁄₃₂-7¹⁵⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	5.55	n/a	5.61	5.70	5.92
Building Society CDs:	6²³⁄₃₂-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6²⁵⁄₃₂	7-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¼-7⅛	7½-7⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¾-5⅝	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²³⁄₃₂	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅜-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1½-¾
Yen:	½-⅜	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $316.00-316.50 Close: $318.90-319.40 High: $319.70-320.20
Low: $315.75-316.25 AM: $315.75 PM: $317.30

Krugerrand: $318.75-320.75 (£189.00-191.00)

Platinum: $397.00 (£235.60) Silver: $4.33 (£2.565) Palladium: $168.50 (£100.00)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3419-3.3496	3.3419-3.3447	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3⅛pr
Brussels	61.249-61.410	61.248-61.365	21-15pr	61-54pr
Copenhagen	11.303-11.330	11.309-11.319	⅛-⅛pr	1-⅛pr
Dublin	1.1054-1.1144	1.1078-1.1121	8-2pr	21-15pr
Frankfurt	2.9681-2.9741	2.9681-2.9712	⅞-⅝pr	3-2¾pr
Lisbon	299.52-300.24	299.52-299.87	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅛pr
Madrid	250.69-252.48	250.69-251.01	38-27pr	122-103pr
Milan	2889.6-2899.7	2896.0-2899.7	5-12ds	23pr-par
Montreal	2.3117-2.3213	2.3152-2.3174	0.72-0.67pr	1.43-1.35pr
New York	1.6842-1.6894	1.6850-1.6860	0.18-0.16pr	0.573-0.542pr
Oslo	12.361-12.406	12.361-12.373	⅛-⅛pr	1-⅛pr
Paris	10.011-10.043	10.023-10.031	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	13.008-13.099	13.008-13.028	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Tokyo	189.73-190.72	189.93-190.14	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3pr
Vienna	20.884-20.933	20.884-20.907	⅛-⅛pr	2-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.4660-2.4737	2.4660-2.4683	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3444-1.3453
Austria	12.41-12.42
Belgium (Com)	36.41-36.45
Canada	1.3730-1.3735
Denmark	6.7180-6.7200
France	5.9550-5.9570
Germany	1.7642-1.7647
Hong Kong	7.7415-7.7425
Ireland	1.5136-1.5186
Italy	1718.45-1718.75
Japan	112.78-112.88
Malaysia	2.5032-2.5042
Netherlands	1.9865-1.9870
Norway	7.3417-7.3492
Portugal	178.09-178.19
Singapore	1.4360-1.4370
Spain	148.95-149.01
Sweden	7.7481-7.7531
Switzerland	1.4660-1.4665

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6845-1.6872
Australia dollar	2.2651-2.2680
Bahrain dinar	0.6305-0.6425
Brazil real*	1.8131-1.8177
China yuan	13.845-14.145
Cyprus pound	0.8665-0.8765
Finland markka	8.7650-8.8810
Greece drachma	464.0-471.0
Hong Kong dollar	13.0429-13.0523
India rupee	59.94-60.90
Indonesia rupiah	4072.0-4140.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5060-0.5160
Malaysia ringgit	4.2174-4.2216
New Zealand dollar	2.5016-2.5057
Pakistan rupee	67.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0875-6.2115
Singapore dollar	2.4194-2.4225
S Africa rand (com)	7.6440-7.7460
U A E dirham	6.1400-6.2640

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	346	Ladbroke	2,300
ASDA Gp	15,000	Land Secs	2,200
Abbey Ntl	2,300	Legal & Gn	2,200
Allnce & Leic	2,900	Lloyds TSB	10,000
Allied Dom	1,600	LucasVarity	4,100
AB Foods	427	Marks Spr	12,200
BAA	4,600	Mercury Ast	306
BAT Inds	5,700	NatWst Bk	5,700
BG	6,700	Nat Grid	24,400
BOC	1,100	Nat Power	1,900
BP	10,900	Next	1,900
BSkyB	1,600	Orange	1,100
BTR	13,300	P & O	2,500
BT	20,900	Pearson	6,100
Bk of Scot	3,200	PowerGen	1,600
Barclays	4,100	Prudential	2,000
Bass	2,400	RMC	739
Blue Circle	833	Railtrack	3,300
Boots	3,200	Rank Group	2,300
BAe	1,900	Reckitt Col	558
BA	2,900	Reed Intl	3,000
British Land	1,200	Rentokil	10,400
Brit Steel	25,700	Reuters	10,200
Burmah Cstl	750	Rio Tinto	5,000
Cable Wire	5,600	Rolls Royce	3,700
Cadbury	3,200	Royal & Sun	6,000
Carlton Cms	1,500	Royal Bk Sct	2,300
Centrica	9,800	Safeway	7,300
Cm Union	3,100	Sainsbury	11,400
Dixons	9,200	Schroders	21
EMI	1,300	Scot & New	970
Energy Gp	1,400	Scot Power	2,300
Enterpr Oil	982	Svrn Trent	1,500
GKN	1,700	Shell Trans	16,900
GRE	2,500	Siebe	6,400
GUS	3,600	SmKl Bch	6,900
Gen Acc	1,900	Smiths Inds	306
Gen Elec	17,800	Std Chartd	2,300
Glaxo Well	6,100	TI Gp	1,600
Granada	1,500	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Grand Met	3,800	Tesco	6,700
Guinness	2,400	Thames W	851
HSBC	2,300	Tomkins	7,100
Halifax	7,200	Unilever	910
Hanson	1,300	Utd Utilities	1,000
Hays	1,400	Utd News	649
ICI	5,500	Vodafone	6,600
Imp Tob	3,400	Whitbread	2,200
Kingfisher	4,700	Wolseley	1,600
LASMO	1,500	Zeneca	1,700

	Jul 9 midday	Jul 8 close
AMP Inc	45½	45¾
AMR Corp	96½	95½
AT & T	36½	36½
Abbott Labs	67¼	67⅞
Advanced Micro	38½	39½
Aetna Life	105½	105¼
Ahmanson (HF)	46½	46½
Air Prod & Chem	81	80½
AirTouch Comm	29⅞	28⅞
Albertson's	36¾	36⅞
Alcan Aluminium	35¼	35½
Allied Signal	87⅛	87½
Alum Co of Am	79⅞	79⅞
Amerada Hess	56	55½
Amer El Power	42⅞	42½
Amer Express	77¼	78½
Amer Genl Corp	49½	48⅞
Amer Home Pr	76⅞	76½
Amer Intl	154½	154½
Amer Stores	51¼	51¼
Amer Standard	46	46¼
Ameritech	69⅞	70
Amgen	58	57½
Amoco	90½	90½
Andrew Corp	31½	31¼
Anheuser-Busch	43½	43⅞
Apple Computer	13⅞	13½
Archer Daniels	23½	23½
Armco	4⅛	4¼
Armstrng Wrld	72½	72½
Asarco	31½	31½
Atl Richfield	72½	71½
Atmel Corp	27½	27⅞
Auto Data Pro	48½	49½
Avery Dennison	42½	42½
Avon Products	77½	76½
Baker Hughes	41½	41
Baltim Gas & El	28	27⅞
Banc One	48½	48½
BankAmerica	67⅛	66⅞
Bank of NY	46½	46½
Bankers Tr NY	92	92½
Barnett Banks	56½	55½
Bausch & Lomb	40½	40½
Baxter Intl	57⅞	58⅛
Becton Dicknsn	55⅛	55½
Bell Atlantic	73½	73⅞
BellSouth	47	46½
Black & Decker	39⅞	40
Block (H&R)	34½	34⅞
Boeing	56⅞	56½
Boise Cascade	37½	37⅛
Boston Scien	68⅞	69½
Bristol Myrs Sq	85½	86⅞
Browning Ferris	37½	36½
Brunswick	31	31⅛
Burlington Nthn	95½	94½
CMS Energy Corp	36⅞	36½
CPC Intl	95½	96½
CSX	57	56⅞
Campbell Soup	48	47½
Carolina Pwr	35⅞	35⅞
Case Corp	65½	65½
Caterpillar	111⅛	110½
Central & SW	21⅞	21½
Champion Intl	60½	60
Chase Manhat	102⅛	103⅛
Chevron Corp	75⅛	75½
Chrysler	34½	34½
Chubb Corp	67½	67½
Cigna Corp	189½	188½
Citicorp	127½	128⅛
Clorox	129½	129½
Coastal Corp	56⅞	56¼
Coca Cola	70½	70⅞
Coca Cola Ent	24	24⅛
Colgate-Palm	68½	67½
Columbia Gas	68½	68½
ColumbiaHCA	39⅞	39⅞
Compaq Comp	121½	119⅞
Comp Ass Intl	57½	57⅞
Conagra	66⅛	66½
Cons Edison	29½	29½
Cons Nat Gas	55½	55½
Cooper Inds	51½	51⅞
Corestates	55⅞	55½
Corning Inc	57	56½
C'wide Credit	32½	31½
Crestar Finl	41½	41⅛
Crown Cork	50⅞	50½
Dana Corp	37½	37⅞
Dayton Hudson	55⅞	55½
Deere	57⅛	57⅞
Delta Air Lines	86½	85½
Deluxe Corp	35½	35½
Digital Equip	37⅞	37½
Dillard Dept St	35½	35⅞
Disney (Walt)	78⅞	78½
Dominion Res	37⅛	37⅛
Donnelley (RR)	37½	37⅞
Dover Corp	64½	63⅞
Dow Chemical	91½	89½
Dow Jones	42⅞	42⅞
Dresser	39½	38½
Duke Power	48½	48⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	27⅛	27⅛
Du Pont	65½	65½
Eastman Chem	62⅞	62½
Eastman Kodak	80⅞	80½
Eaton Corp	86⅞	86⅞

	Jul 9 midday	Jul 8 close
Edison Intl	24½	24½
Elect Data Sys	42⅞	42⅞
Emerson Elec	56½	55½
Engelhard Corp	21½	21⅛
Enron Corp	42	41½
Entergy	27½	27⅛
Ethyl Corp	9½	9½
Exxon	62⅞	63⅛
FMC Corp	80½	80⅞
FPL Group	47	46½
Federal Express	59⅞	60⅛
Fifth Third Banc	88½	88⅛
First Bk Sys	90½	90½
Fleet Finl Grp	64⅞	64⅞
Fluor Corp	55⅞	55½
Ford Motor	40½	40⅛
Fortune Brands	37⅛	37⅛
Franklin Res	75½	74½
GTE Corp	46⅞	47
Gannett	108½	105⅞
Gap Inc Del	38⅞	38⅞
Gen Dynamics	78½	76
Gen Electric	69½	69½
Gen Mills	67½	67⅞
Gen Motors	56⅞	56⅞
Gen Reinsurance	191⅛	191
Gen Signal	50	48⅞
Genuine Parts	34½	34½
Georgia Pac	92½	92½
Gillette	99	98½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	44½	44⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46⅛	45½
Goodyear Tire	63½	63½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27	26½
Halliburton	82½	82½
Harcourt General	49½	49½
Heinz (HJ)	45½	46⅛
Hercules	51⅛	51¼
Hershey Foods	57½	57½
Hewlett Packard	58⅛	57½
Hilton Hotels	27⅛	27⅛
Home Depot	45½	45½
Homestake Mng	12⅛	12½
Honeywell	79½	78½
Household Intl	120½	119½
Houston Inds	21½	21⅛
Humana	23	22⅞
ITT Corp	61⅞	61⅛
Ikon Office	26½	26½
Illinois Tool	52½	52½
Illinova	22½	22⅞
INCO	29⅛	29½
Ingersoll Rand	62½	62½
Inland Steel	20⅞	20⅞
Intel Corp	151¼	149½
IBM	95⅛	95⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	50½	50½
Intl Paper	55⅞	56
James River Va	40⅞	40½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	65⅛	65½
Kellogg	90½	91½
Kerr-McGee	64½	64½
Kimberly-Clark	52⅞	52½
Kmart	11½	11½
Knight-Ridder	49⅞	49½
Lilly (Eli)	114½	113⅞
Limited Inc	20⅞	20½
Lincoln Nat	65½	65⅛
Litton	50½	50⅛
Liz Claiborne	49½	49⅛
Lockheed Martin	101½	100⅞
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	42½	43¼
Manpower Inc	47½	47½
Marriott Int	66	66
Marsh & McLnn	74½	73⅞
Masco Corp	41⅞	41⅛
May Dept St	50⅞	50⅛
Maytag Corp	26½	26½
McDonalds	49	48½
McDonnell D	71½	71
McGraw Hill	62⅞	62½
Mead Corp	68½	67½
Medtronic	91¼	90⅛
Mellon Bk	47½	48
Merck Inc	103½	103⅞
Merrill Lynch	62	61½
Microsoft	131½	131½
Minnesota Mine	103½	103½
Mobil Corp	72½	72½
Monsanto	48½	47½
Morgan (JP)	108½	109½
Motorola Inc	85⅞	82½
Natl Semi	33½	33⅛
Natl Service Ind	50⅛	50½
Navistar Intl	19½	19½
NY Times A	53	52⅞
Newmont Mng	37½	37½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8⅛
Nike B	57½	57½
NL Industries	13½	13½
Noram Energy	15½	15½
Nordstrom	51½	51
Norfolk Sthrn	110⅞	109½
Nthn State Pwr	52⅛	51½
Norwest Corp	68½	59⅛
Nynex Corp	56½	56⅛
Occidental Pet	25⅞	25½
Ohio Edison	22⅞	22⅛
Oracle	51½	50⅞

	Jul 9 midday	Jul 8 close
Oryx Energy Co	21½	21⅛
Owens Corning	43½	43½
PPG Industries	60	59½
PMI Group	69½	63⅛
PNC Bank	43⅞	43½
PP&L Res	19½	19⅞
Paccar Inc	47½	47½
Pacificorp	22½	22½
Pac Enterprises	34⅛	34½
Pall Corp	23½	23½
Parker Hannifin	60	59½
Peco Energy	22⅛	22⅛
Penney (JC)	54⅞	54½
Pennzoil	74½	75½
Pepsico	39	39⅛
Pfizer	63½	63
Pharm & Upjhn	36½	36⅞
Phelps Dodge	84⅛	84⅞
Philip Morris	44⅛	44½
Phillips Pet	45½	44⅞
Pitney Bowes	72	71½
Polaroid	58⅛	57⅞
Procter & Gmbl	153½	149½
Providian	33⅞	33½
Pub Serv E & G	25⅞	25⅞
Quaker Oats	45½	45½
Ralston Purina	85⅛	85½
Raychem Corp	76½	76½
Raytheon	54½	54
Reebok Intl	47	46½
Reynolds Metals	72⅛	72½
Rockwell Intl	60½	60½
Rohm & Haas	93½	93½
Royal Dutch	55½	55⅛
Rubbermaid	29½	29⅞
SBC Comms	61⅞	61⅞
Safeco Corp	46⅛	46⅛
St Paul's Cos	81½	81½
Salomon Inc	56½	56⅛
Sara Lee Corp	44⅛	44½
Schering Plough	50⅛	50
Schlumberger	136	135
Seagram	39½	39⅞
Sears Roebuck	57	56½
Shell Trans	43½	43½
Sherwin Wlms	31½	31⅛
Silicon Graphics	16⅞	16⅞
Snap-On-Tools	40½	40⅛
Southern Co	22⅛	22⅛
Southtrust	42½	42½
Sprint Corp	52	52½
Stanley Works	44⅞	43⅞
Sun Company	32⅛	32½
Sun Microsys	39½	39½
Suntrust	57⅛	57½
Supervalu	39⅛	39⅛
Sysco Corp	37⅛	37½
TRW Inc	59⅛	59½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
TIG Hldgs	31½	31½
Tandem Comp	24½	24½
Tandy Corp	55½	55⅞
Temple Inland	59½	59⅞
Tenet Healthcare	29⅛	29⅛
Tenneco	45½	45½
Texaco	113⅞	113½
Texas Inst	94⅛	92
Texas Utilities	35½	35½
Textron	68	68⅛
Thermo Elect	34⅛	34⅛
Time Warner	47⅛	46⅞
Times-Mirror A	58	58⅛
Timken	35½	35½
Torchmark	74½	73½
Toys R Us	37⅛	35½
Transamerica	96	95½
Travelers	66⅞	67
Tribune	49⅞	49½
UST Inc	28⅛	28½
UAL	72½	72⅛
US Inds	38½	38½
US West Comm	38½	38⅛
US West Media	21⅛	21⅛
USAirways Group	37½	37⅛
USX Marathon	30	30
Unicom	22⅛	22½
Unilever NY	224⅞	224½
Union Camp	54	54½
Union Carbide	50½	49⅞
Union Pacific	72½	71½
Unisys Corp	8	8⅛
USF&G Corp	23½	23⅛
United Tech	85½	86
Unocal Corp	38½	38⅞
VF Corp	88	87½
Wal-Mart Stores	35⅛	35½
Warner-Lambert	134½	134½
Waste Mngmt	34	33½
Wells Fargo	281	279
Westinghouse El	23½	23⅞
Weyerhaeuser	58½	56½
Whirlpool	53⅞	53⅛
Whitman	26⅛	26
Winn Dixie	37½	37⅛
Witco Corp	40½	39⅞
Woolworth	26	25½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	71½	70⅞
Xerox	82½	81½
Zenith Elect	11⅞	11⅞

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
For AIB see Govett (John)				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	778.50	826.10	- 3.90	2.81
General Inc	643.30	684.40	- 3.20	2.31
UK Growth Acc	538.60	573.00	- 2.80	2.25
UK Growth Inc	344.30	366.30	- 1.70	2.25
Higher Inc Acc	954.10	1015.00	- 4.00	3.79
Higher Inc Inc	500.90	532.50	- 2.10	3.79
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	220.56	232.60	- 0.10	5.44
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.10	99.44	- 0.06	5.44
Nth America	400.00	425.60	+ 3.70	
Europe	437.30	465.20	+ 5.30	
Brit Excell	107.20	114.10	- 0.40	2.40
Brit Fxdmtls Acc	132.00	140.50	- 0.40	4.47
Brit Fxdmtls Inc	87.00	92.55	- 0.31	4.47
Global Opps	114.10	121.40	+ 0.80	
Balanced Acc	70.75	75.27	- 0.07	2.04
Balanced Inc	65.28	69.55	- 0.07	2.04
Japan Acc	43.39	46.16	+ 0.10	
Pac Basin Acc	391.80	416.70	- 1.80	0.91
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 712 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	138.20	144.60	+ 0.10	6.35
High Inc Equity	208.60	221.00†	- 1.80	4.35
Worldwide Bond	266.90	283.10	+ 0.30	3.92
American Growth	480.50	513.10	+ 3.20	0.33
Asian Pacific	335.30	356.60	- 3.30	0.38
Assets & Earnings	324.20	346.70	- 2.00	2.70
Euro Capital Acc	236.10	252.50	+ 2.20	0.79
Extra Inc	43.71	46.58†	- 0.13	6.45
General	289.30	318.40	- 1.00	2.89
Global Opps	81.10	86.37	+ 0.23	0.46
Japan	102.40	109.50		
Managed Inc	51.10	54.46†	- 0.14	4.13
Mastertrust	189.00	202.10	- 0.40	1.19
US Emerging Cos	191.70	205.00	+ 2.00	
Ethical	84.70	90.20†	+ 0.21	2.03
International	152.00	161.70	+ 0.50	0.54
Dividend & Growth	76.33	81.20†	- 0.50	4.14
Global Gvts & Sec	78.01	82.60	- 0.05	2.46
Latin America	97.48	103.70	+ 1.50	0.30
Capital Reserve	148.50	149.50		4.60
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	105.40	112.10	- 0.30	2.81
Equity Income	147.60	157.00	- 0.60	3.83
Extra Income	285.20	303.40	- 0.90	5.96
Smaller Cos	104.40	111.00	- 0.30	1.58
International	129.60	138.00	+ 0.20	1.31
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2387.00	2490.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	72.66	75.74	+ 1.09	
Emerging Mkts	81.52	85.31†	+ 0.21	0.11
European	169.24	176.88	+ 1.41	
Extra Income #	53.86	56.88†	- 0.19	5.43
Far East Emg Eco	128.25	134.53†	- 0.10	0.63
Fixed Interest #	26.60	27.68	- 0.02	8.42
Fund Inv Tst #	166.91	175.13†	- 0.24	0.01
Japan	100.70	107.82	+ 0.52	
Latin American	81.85	85.94	+ 1.20	
Pacific	82.82	86.93	- 0.34	0.14
Property Share	82.02	86.09†	+ 0.04	1.85
UK Emerging Cos	67.83	73.38†	- 0.14	1.14
UK Growth	63.48	67.04	- 0.15	1.79
Aber World Port #	89.89	94.39†	+ 0.08	2.56
Ethical	83.90	87.33†	+ 0.05	1.75
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.28	50.28†	+ 0.01	7.01
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5808				
Resdtl Property #	101.80	108.20		5.25
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	109.92	107.68	- 0.45	1.98
Income Builder Inc	88.54	94.19†	- 0.34	3.84

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	159.03	169.92†	- 0.11	0.78
UK Equity	107.45	114.80	- 0.40	2.90
UK Equity & Bd	63.80	66.80	- 0.18	5.28
UK Smlr Cos	57.24	60.88	+ 0.03	1.70
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	852.45	865.37	+ 1.83	3.09
Inv Fd Acc	863.45	875.49	+ 3.87	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	158.15	158.70	+ 1.01	8.95
Fxd Int Sec Acc	162.78	163.44	+ 1.05	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	887.56	889.78	+ 1.85	3.53
Investment Acc	4132.52	4194.98	+ 82.38	
Fixed Int Inc	139.39	139.80	- 2.08	8.83
Fixed Int Acc	251.55	252.55	+ 1.45	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.44	94.27	+ 0.35	5.31
Brit Bio-Tech	37.57	40.77†		
Aspen Ethical Tst	193.07	202.74†		0.45
City Fin Assets	85.17	89.44		1.86
City Fin Intl	94.24	98.96	- 1.13	0.86
Future Year Cap	335.55	358.97†		2.72
Buckley Wld Gth	152.25	161.39	- 0.79	
Chew Utilities	73.58	75.19	+ 0.14	4.63
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	64.47	68.45	- 0.73	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	92.31	98.29	+ 0.90	
Dragon Growth	72.44	77.47	- 0.82	0.25
Equity High Inc	104.57	110.65†	- 0.47	3.45
-do- Accum	154.90	163.81	- 0.69	3.45
Extra Income Inc	27.65	28.11†	- 0.01	6.51
Extra Income Acc	31.73	33.49	- 0.01	6.51
European Gwth	80.28	84.93	+ 0.53	0.14
Evergreen	33.10	35.48	+ 0.15	
General Equity	122.38	129.16	- 0.37	2.53
Japan Growth	43.70	46.49	+ 0.12	
Pedigree Gwth	71.81	75.98	- 0.41	2.05
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	38.98	41.25		1.39
-do- Accum	41.75	44.18		1.39
Retirement Inc #	31.28	33.28	- 0.16	5.51
Special Sits	51.50	55.38	- 0.30	2.67
UK & Overseas	68.40	73.44	- 0.10	0.47
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	77.39	80.61	- 0.31	3.83
Capital	93.56	97.45	- 0.32	2.26
High Income	54.74	57.02	- 0.03	6.49
Top 50	66.51	69.28	- 0.27	2.32
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	208.71	215.35	- 0.67	4.48
Long Gilt	47.19	49.13†	+ 0.05	5.70
Monthly Inc Plus	54.02	56.28	+ 0.01	7.95
Preference Share	51.03	53.18†		7.33
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	152.06	158.43†	- 0.52	5.85
Managed Fund	84.41	87.94	+ 0.02	2.57
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.88	55.09	- 0.22	1.54
-do- Accum	63.25	65.89	- 0.25	1.54
UK & General	111.96	116.65	- 0.25	2.41
-do- Accum	148.45	154.65	- 0.30	2.41
UK Growth	222.26	231.54	- 0.58	1.79
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	261.19	272.10	+ 2.34	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	134.94	140.58	- 0.71	0.02
Global Bond	72.30	75.32	+ 0.09	6.82
Japan Growth	107.70	112.20	- 0.87	
North Amer Gth	286.14	298.09	+ 2.28	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	265.00	283.10	- 1.80	
Income & Growth	249.90	265.90†	- 0.70	4.09
-do- Accum	408.80	434.90†	- 1.30	4.09
Intl Growth	466.80	496.50	+ 4.80	
-do- Accum	518.30	551.30	+ 5.50	
Japan & Gen	160.80	173.70	- 2.10	
-do- Accum	162.40	172.40	+ 3.10	
Monthly Inc #	219.40	233.40†	- 0.40	4.76
-do- Accum #	225.60	240.00†	- 0.40	4.26
Managed Port Inc	131.40	138.30	+ 0.23	1.33
-do- Accum	144.50	152.10	+ 0.23	1.32
Quarterly Income #	60.23	64.40	- 0.22	5.07
-do- Accum #	71.14	76.18	- 0.28	5.07
Recovery	352.20	377.80	+ 1.80	
-do- Accum	416.90	445.90	+ 1.90	
UK Growth	72.71	77.35†	- 0.12	1.79
-do- Accum	80.32	85.45†	- 0.16	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715636 Enq 01722 715654				
FP American	74.82	79.51	- 0.79	
FP Am Smlr Cos	213.40	227.60†	+ 1.70	
FP Asian Growth	290.00	309.30†	- 3.40	
FP Australian	453.60	482.60	+ 4.30	
FP Equity Dist	518.70	552.20†	- 3.90	2.07
-do- Accum	1170.00	1246.00	- 8.00	2.07
FP Euro Gth	368.50	393.00	+ 4.80	
-do- Accum	403.70	430.60	+ 5.30	
FP Intl Bond	55.61	58.84	+ 0.10	3.89
FP Intl Gth Dist	43.55	46.45	+ 0.17	
-do- Accum	63.97	68.23	+ 0.20	
FP Pac Basn Acc	228.30	243.40	- 1.50	
FP Income #	65.23	69.57†	- 0.61	4.43
-do- Accum #	237.00	252.80	- 2.20	4.43
FP Jap Smlr Cos	246.80	263.20	- 0.10	
FP Monthly Dist #	81.63	87.70†	+ 0.18	4.60
FP Stg Deposit	100.10	100.10†		5.13
FP Tokyo	77.05	82.18		
FP UK Focus	48.98	52.24	- 0.38	1.41
FP UK Growth	229.40	243.60	- 1.90	1.72
-do- Accum	470.10	501.40	- 4.00	1.72
Stewardship Dist	454.10	484.30†	- 0.90	1.34
-do- Accum	577.60	616.10	- 1.10	1.34
Stewdsp Inc Dist #	78.13	83.30†	- 0.37	4.82
-do- Accum #	110.30	117.60	- 0.50	4.53
N Am Stwsp Dist	150.70	160.70	+ 0.70	0.01
-do- Accum	162.20	173.00	+ 0.80	0.01
FP Exempt Trust				
Intl Ethical In #	115.50	116.00†	- 0.20	2.90
Intl Ethical Ac #	116.80	117.30	- 0.20	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	143.90	153.00†	- 0.30	0.57
Open Cap Gth Acc	145.20	154.40†	- 0.80	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	129.39	137.50	- 0.30	2.75
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	138.50	147.30	- 0.30	2.75
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	133.29	141.70	- 0.40	3.62
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	144.30	153.50	- 0.40	2.62
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	338.70	360.40	- 3.10	1.60
Cash	49.60	58.34		4.53
Growth Portfolio	103.10	109.70	- 0.30	
Income Portfolio	82.85	87.90	- 0.03	2.81
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 8441				
Special Sits	229.30	245.20†	- 2.30	0.52
Dividend	110.90	118.60	- 0.50	3.79
Inv Gth & Inc	277.40	296.70†	- 1.30	1.34
UK & Gen	54.44	58.22	- 0.25	1.17
Fund of Funds	81.00	86.63	- 0.53	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 628 9431				
American Smlr Cos	222.20	237.00	+ 1.80	0.14
European Gth	889.20	923.70	+ 7.20	0.52
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	59.14	62.64	+ 0.37	3.81
-do- Accum	67.91	71.93	+ 0.42	3.61
High Yield #	52.81	55.78†	- 0.08	7.35
-do- Accum #	61.03	64.47	- 0.39	7.35
Income Inc	215.90	230.90	- 1.60	3.74
-do- Accum	250.70	268.20	- 1.90	3.74
Intl Growth	413.50	432.60	+ 1.20	0.28
Intl Income	108.50	115.90†	+ 0.80	2.04

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	181.82	193.56	- 0.34	
Pacific Smlr Cos	234.37	249.69	1.80	
Nth American	391.07	414.71†	+ 5.13	
American Smaller	198.78	211.37	- 2.04	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries. 01277 227 300 Dealing. 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	171.10	180.10	- 2.40	4.77
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4356				
British	143.42	150.24	- 0.67	1.44
Capital	220.28	229.84	- 0.52	1.16
Dollar	585.14	623.19	+ 6.12	
Enterprise Gth	452.85	474.18	- 0.06	0.84
European	331.24	346.85†	+ 2.85	
Far East	291.48	305.22	- 2.77	0.47
Financial	1298.23	1360.56	- 5.80	1.17
Gilt & Fxd In Inc	27.78	28.89	- 0.01	6.49
High Yield #	126.21	132.15†	- 0.86	4.44
Income & Growth #	188.84	197.84	- 1.07	3.30
International	328.83	344.32	- 0.71	0.79
Japanese General	185.75	194.50	- 0.27	
Japan Tech	56.76	59.85	+ 0.28	
Natl Resources	73.55	77.02	+ 1.36	0.52
Portfolio	90.77	95.05	- 0.36	1.30
Special Sits	222.80	233.30	- 0.06	0.24
UK Emerging Cos	129.30	135.40	- 0.55	1.22
US Smaller Cos	169.99	178.00†	- 0.10	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	738.40	788.00	- 3.10	4.81
UK Growth	801.90	862.20	- 4.00	1.77
High Income #	129.40	138.10†	- 0.35	5.51
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	754.20	796.50	+ 10.80	0.76
European Gwth	186.40	199.10	+ 2.50	0.13
Japan Gwth	270.30	287.30	+ 0.50	
Japan Smlr Cos	29.00	30.95	- 0.03	
Asian	62.40	66.60	- 0.54	
Sing & Malay Gwth	79.75	85.11	- 1.30	
Hong Kong Gwth	211.80	226.00	- 4.40	0.14
Global Bond	20.55	21.65†	- 0.08	4.94
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	192.60	194.82†	- 0.80	3.18
Triog Index	131.60	135.00	- 0.40	2.58
THE FOOTSIE FUND	78.89	79.29†	- 0.35	2.49
Index Funds-International				
American Index	380.10	381.90	+ 4.00	0.75
Eurotrack 100	245.60	246.80	+ 2.70	0.95
Japan Index	68.00	68.34	+ 0.06	0.13
Tiger Index	180.00	184.30	- 0.80	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing. 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	52.55	54.88	- 0.09	1.35
General Funds				
Managed Dist	98.43	102.80	+ 0.40	1.00
Managed	102.10	106.60	+ 0.40	1.00
Export Gth Fnd	123.40	128.70	- 0.40	1.79
UK Growth	79.56	83.09	- 0.22	1.52
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	97.70	102.00	- 0.10	5.41
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.62	28.74†		7.56
UK Inc & Gwth	54.56	56.98	- 0.24	2.77
UK Income #	416.20	434.70	- 0.20	4.26
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	73.24	75.76	+ 1.05	
Amer Smlr Cos	175.50	182.80†	+ 1.80	
-do- Accum	177.32	184.70†	+ 1.80	
Europe Gth	286.80	298.80	+ 4.30	
-do- Accum	297.00	309.50	+ 4.50	
Euro Smaller Cos	50.42	52.49	+ 0.20	
French Growth	112.20	117.00	+ 0.80	0.03
-do- Accum	122.00	126.60	+ 0.80	0.03
H Kong & China	138.50	144.30	- 3.80	0.29
Intl Growth	79.25	82.55	+ 0.52	0.35
-do- Accum	80.75	84.12	+ 0.54	0.35
Japan Gth	27.24	28.39†		
-do- Accum	27.24	28.39†		
Japan Smaller Cos	30.59	31.95	- 0.08	
Gtch Emg Mkts	112.80	117.80†	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	113.60	118.60†	+ 0.60	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Port	521.30	[illegible]	- 1.66	4.09
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 4.19	4.09
Japan Growth	54.37	[illegible]	- 5.70	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.77	1.34
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.32
N American Gr	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.90	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.40	
NAm Sm Co Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.72	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.73	
Pacific Basin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safety First Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do until [illegible]	[illegible]			
Small Cos Pac	[illegible]	549.[illegible]	- 1.70	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.50	[illegible]
UK Eq Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	3.79
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.61
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.61
Worldwide Gr	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.52	0.35
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.35
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 672				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 5.30	2.65
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.60
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.25	0.30
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Tst of Inv Trusts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.92
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs Line Dlg. 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	613.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.10
-do- Accum	732.[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	0.10
Amer Recovery	776.90	[illegible]	- 9.60	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 11.00	
Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.10	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.10	
Australasian	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.90	1.92
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.92
Compound	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.79
Charifund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	4966.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.70	[illegible]
Compound Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 6.20	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.20
Corporate Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.70
Dividend	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.72
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.72
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.20	5.36
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.36
Euro & General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.44
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 11.20	0.44
Euro Dividend	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.90	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	0.50
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	0.50
Extra Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.70	[illegible]
Fund of Inv Tsts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.30	[illegible]
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.70
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.70
Gilt Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 3.04	6.10
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.10
Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.60	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.51
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.51
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.70	0.58
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.58
International Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.07
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.50	4.07
Japan & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Japan Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.50	
Managed Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.17
Managed Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Pension Ex	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.80	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	126.00	131.60†	- 0.30	4.35
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	161.50	171.80†	- 0.80	1.92
European Growth	166.20	176.10†	+ 2.60	
Gilt & Fixed	107.60	114.10†	- 0.10	6.16
Income	121.20	128.90†	- 0.40	4.01
Japan Growth	44.83	47.51†	- 0.30	
Managed	93.45	99.41†	- 0.79	2.41
Money Market	99.12	105.10†		5.70
North American	133.00	140.90†	- 0.50	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	146.50	155.80†	- 0.70	1.92
European Growth	156.90	165.20†	+ 2.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	100.70	106.80†	+ 0.10	6.10
Income	119.60	126.20†	- 0.40	4.01
Japan Growth	44.70	47.38†	- 0.30	
Managed	89.62	95.58†	- 0.08	2.39
Money Market	91.31	96.81†	+ 0.02	5.70
North American	119.30	126.40†	- 0.40	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	145.20	154.50†	- 0.70	1.92
European Growth	152.20	161.50†	+ 2.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.66	96.15†	+ 0.10	6.17
Income	115.60	123.00†	- 0.30	4.00
Japan Growth	46.01	48.77†	- 0.31	
Managed	92.63	98.54†	- 0.08	2.39
Money Market	92.76	97.74†	+ 0.02	5.70
North American	133.55	141.50†	- 0.50	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	550.00	581.90†	+ 3.20	
European Gth Inc	648.60	689.70†	+ 8.60	
-do- Accum	655.70	697.20†	+ 8.60	
Intl Gwth	271.00	286.80	+ 3.10	
UK Equity Inc	245.50	261.40	- 1.90	2.96
Do. Accum	340.10	362.10	- 2.60	2.96
UK Growth Inc	143.50	153.80	- 0.80	3.10
-do- Accum	148.00	158.70	- 0.70	3.10
UK Ind Trds Inc	225.60	240.90	- 0.90	2.79
-do- Accum	281.90	301.00	- 1.10	2.79
US Fq Ind Tr Inc	347.30	366.90	+ 4.20	0.89
Japan Tracker	63.53	67.02		
Asian Tracker	227.60	245.60	- 1.90	0.29
Mngd Ptfolo Inc	206.90	220.40†	- 0.70	1.61
Mngd Ptfolo Acc	229.30	244.00†	- 0.70	1.61
Deposit Inc	99.97	99.97†	+ 0.01	5.42
Europa	265.00	283.50	+ 1.10	
Greece	213.80	227.30	- 0.80	2.45
High Income	21.02	22.29†	- 0.02	10.00
Japan Growth	94.90	100.70	- 0.70	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 923				
American	119.20	122.30	- 0.60	2.05
American Inc	107.70	110.80	- 0.50	2.05
American Reserve	102.60	103.70	- 0.20	6.94
-do- Inc	76.01	76.77	- 0.17	6.94
American Growth	80.38	85.23	+ 0.84	
Equity Income #	119.20	122.40†	- 0.90	4.04
European	107.00	112.60	+ 0.30	
Smaller Cos	96.50	102.90	- 0.20	
Worldwide Eqty	89.74	91.61	+ 0.06	
Global Bond	41.09	41.52	+ 0.06	4.72
UK Growth	127.20	131.10	- 0.90	1.30
Pacific Growth	117.00	120.20†	- 0.30	0.75
Japan Growth	95.52	97.25†	+ 0.24	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	170.17	181.03†	+ 0.35	2.21
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	146.60	154.50†	- 2.60	
European Dist	182.75	193.40	+ 2.00	0.13
Far East Dist	181.50	191.10	- 0.10	
Global Care Dist	94.57	99.55†	+ 0.15	0.53
Trust Dist	1228.90	1304.50	+ 10.30	
-do- Accum	1610.20	1694.90	+ 12.90	
UK Dist	492.90	516.70	- 2.20	1.84
-do- Accum	1019.40	1073.10	- 4.70	1.84
UK Extra Inc Dist	102.70	108.10	- 0.20	3.56
France Dist	130.80	137.70	+ 0.60	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	154.10	164.50	- 0.60	1.67
-do- Accum	175.66	184.70	- 0.63	1.62
Technology	748.50	796.20	+ 11.30	
UK Smlr Cos	104.19	110.70	- 0.40	2.65
-do- Accum	122.60	130.40	- 0.70	2.80
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing 0345 400000 Client Enq 0345 835500				
Managed Inc	48.66	51.46	- 0.08	1.75
Cash Haven Inc	101.54	102.06	+ 0.01	5.40
Cash Haven Acc	122.56	123.15		5.40
Dist Trust Inc	112.27	110.45†	- 0.34	5.21
Dist Trust Acc	131.77	139.65	- 0.40	5.21
Global Growth	118.46	126.02	- 0.09	1.06
Equity Inc	95.96	102.09	- 0.37	4.50
Equity	1001.25	1070.60	- 4.57	2.15
European	321.00	343.91†	- 2.05	0.45
High Income	100.17	106.56†	- 0.35	4.80
Intl Gwth	246.20	261.91†	+ 0.50	0.79
Intl Sm Co	103.93	110.56	- 0.63	0.50
Japanese	185.24	191.96	- 1.21	
High Income Tst #	49.75	51.44†	- 0.06	7.54
Nth Amer	191.92	207.12	+ 2.14	0.91
Pacific Mkts	111.33	119.01	- 0.10	1.14
Premier Inc	47.84	50.60†	- 0.01	6.14
Sml Cos	109.20	116.17	- 0.26	1.97
Spec Sits	140.57	149.90†	- 0.61	2.24
UK Growth	171.29	182.22	- 0.79	2.12
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	92.61	97.39	- 0.24	3.31
Investment Trust	129.24	138.53	- 0.38	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	111.12	118.05†	- 0.19	1.81
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	390.40	417.30	- 4.90	2.44
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers. 0171 623 1030 Client Services. 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	863.52	903.22	+ 8.21	
America (Acc)	1008.07	1058.30	+ 9.73	
Amer Smlr Cos	73.16	77.09	+ 0.09	
Asia	54.92	58.91	- 0.40	
European	502.47	532.95	+ 3.41	
Japan	211.66	225.45	+ 0.52	
Jap Smlr Cos	33.99	35.75	- 0.02	
Major UK Cos	135.55	144.11†	- 1.14	1.52
Smlr UK Cos	432.62	475.28	- 0.56	
UK Equity Inc #	[illegible]	310.30	- 1.19	4.01
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	52.85	56.17†	- 0.66	
Cash	48.11	50.11†		3.92
Emerging Mkts	58.20	61.78†	+ 0.02	
Europe	74.19	77.90†	- 0.22	
Global Fixed Int #	48.41	50.55†	- 0.17	5.05
Japan	39.02	40.75†	- 0.12	
North America	72.03	72.12†	- 0.31	
UK	74.17	77.45†	- 0.14	0.45
UK Equity Inc #	68.63	72.73†	- 0.12	3.39
UK Fixed Int #	51.85	54.10†	- 0.02	7.00
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	57.15	59.22	- 0.15	
Pep Inc Port #	52.55	52.53	- 0.30	2.84
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices 01733 282 [illegible] Gen Enq 01733 390 000				
United States	153.57	162.60	[illegible]	0.26
Pacific Basin	78.61	84.31	- 0.39	9.30
High Inc Dist	197.00	207.51	- 2.70	3.51
Ryl Life Intl Strg	[illegible]	71.50	- 2.15	3.97
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	50.41	56.20†	- 0.12	0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	79.39	84.44	- 0.15	
UK Emerging Cos	134.80	147.54†	- 1.10	1.43
UK Index Trkg	229.85	244.30	- 2.30	1.02
European	210.72	225.70	- 1.20	0.75
Managed	205.19	221.40	- 1.10	0.69
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	357.90	409.80	- 3.70	2.42
Europe Inc	586.20	621.50	- 5.65	0.25
Nth Amer Inc	378.20	399.60	+ 1.15	
Global Inc	236.00	252.70	- 0.22	0.12
Global Acc	320.20	332.20	- 0.35	0.12
UK Spec Sits Inc	147.40	155.70	- 1.52	7.92
South East Asia	217.30	230.20	- 1.06	0.16
Cash Trust Inc	105.60	100.50	- 0.10	5.72
UK Smlr Cos Inc	124.10	131.10	- 0.50	1.54
-do- Accum	131.30	138.70	- 0.60	1.54
Intl Bond Inc	86.34	90.11	- 0.25	4.74
International Strat	52.25	54.07	- 0.35	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
European	190.50	203.70†	- 1.66	0.36
Nth American	164.10	172.90†	+ 1.50	
Intl Bond & Conv	130.10	136.95	- 0.27	6.36
Pooled Pension	261.30	281.00	- 4.60	1.92
Smaller Cos	119.10	125.40	- 0.60	0.97
UK General #	185.80	196.70	- 1.45	2.21
Far Eastern	90.43	95.75	- 0.20	1.75
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	107.60	113.50	+ 0.60	0.32
Global Gwth	89.79	94.99	+ 0.20	1.35
Inv Tst Port	62.79	66.25	- 0.17	2.31
Managed	1455.00	1534.40		[illegible]
Pref Inc #	105.60	112.30†	- 0.30	6.63
Smaller Cos	272.40	299.50†	- 0.10	0.82
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.98		- 0.10	4.02
Sterling Reserve ‡	103.77		+ 0.07	5.30
Corporate Inc ‡	38.91		- 0.05	5.66
Tal Pen ‡	117.50		- 1.25	
Aztec ‡	94.29		+ 1.80	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	159.07		+ 1.60	
European ‡	194.08		+ 2.12	
Global Bond ‡	93.11		- 0.06	6.36
Samurai ‡	55.44		- 0.02	
UK Growth ‡	118.01		- 0.27	2.02
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	90.06		- 0.19	2.20
Investment Trust ‡	121.94		- 0.19	2.21
The Football Fd ‡	66.56		- 0.23	
Reserve Build Up ‡	98.31			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	494.50	523.60	- 2.30	
Capital	161.60	172.90	[illegible]	1.62
Cash	101.43	101.43	[illegible]	5.95
European	195.15	206.30†	- 1.10	0.25
Far Eastern	170.70	180.50	- 2.60	
Growth	186.20	197.00	- 1.50	1.79
Income #	152.40	161.20	- 1.45	[illegible]
Managed	167.30	177.00†	- 1.10	1.52
Smllr Cos	605.30	640.50	- 1.40	[illegible]
Thoroughbred	197.10	208.50	- 1.10	[illegible]
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 435000				
Credit Primeo	58.51	62.54	- 0.34	7.36
Ethical	85.65	91.60	- 1.66	1.59
European Growth	99.20	105.30†	- 1.70	[illegible]
Income	66.50	71.15	- 0.22	[illegible]
Intl Growth	125.40	132.90	+ 1.60	0.67
Managed	107.40	114.20†	+ 0.60	2.43
UK Growth	85.20	91.25	- 0.23	1.30
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	52.42	52.70	- 0.50	1.15
Global Advtg Acc	57.32	57.61	- 0.46	1.15
Income Advtg Inc	40.57	43.76†	- 0.40	3.77
Income Advtg Acc	45.71	[illegible]	- 0.50	3.77
UK Equity Gth Acc	114.80	[illegible]	- 1.26	1.80
Premier Inc Inc	51.69	52.72		6.89
Premier Inc Acc	57.81	56.57		6.88
Managed Acc	71.80	[illegible]	- 0.50	1.49
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	47.24	50.52	- 0.51	4.02
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	64.02	67.97	- 0.70	4.02
UK Smlr Cos Acc	48.29	51.15	- 0.30	0.76
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	196.00	208.50†	+ 1.80	
Income #	242.09	257.54†	- 0.05	4.03
UK Growth	92.86	98.57†	- 0.01	1.86
Intl Growth	95.95	102.07	+ 1.02	0.55
Ecology	110.11	117.13	- 0.63	0.75
European	239.54	254.82†	+ 1.67	0.20
Far Eastern	333.49	354.76†	+ 0.86	
UK Special Sits	60.42	64.44	- 0.07	0.70
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.33	63.28	- 0.09	0.54
High Income #	55.95	59.68	- 0.03	4.89
Financial Opps	48.74	51.98	+ 0.05	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq 01903 204 631				
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.99	0.33
Intl Bond	50.55	53.53	+ 0.03	4.17
Intl Equity Growth	98.15	102.12	- 0.56	0.44
N Amer Growth	162.54	172.55	+ 1.14	0.67
Special Sits Growth	31.52	33.61	- 0.15	2.09
UK Growth	533.70	567.34	- 3.67	2.50
-do- Accum	730.80	777.44	- 5.11	2.50
LAW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01920 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1555.70	1577.50		2.70
Income #	1127.72	1145.10*		4.30

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	104.90	108.50†	- 0.10	6.54
Euro Pfo Inc	121.70	129.50†	+ 1.80	2.75
-do- Accum	121.90	129.70†	+ 1.50	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.80	129.53†		6.25
Global Income	256.30	271.60	+ 1.30	2.95
High Yield	186.20	198.10†	- 0.80	4.71
-do- Accum	633.70	674.10†	- 3.40	4.71
Money Market	100.40	100.40†	+ 0.01	5.82
Smllr Cos Div	63.72	67.79	- 0.12	3.82
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1102.00	1120.00†	+ 2.00	
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	177.80	189.10	- 1.90	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	181.90	186.00†		3.70
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	101.30	105.40		6.32
M & S Inv Ptfolo	197.90	204.00†	+ 0.50	2.39
-do- Accum	229.80	247.20†	+ 0.50	2.39
UK Sel Ptfolo	180.60	186.20†	- 0.10	2.24
-do- Accum	222.20	229.10†	- 0.10	2.24
UK 100 Cos	141.70	141.70	- 0.30	2.36
-do- Accum	145.20	145.20	+ 0.20	2.36
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				

Shares retreat towards the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq†	433½	-6	6.3	13.0
626	472½	Bulmer (HP)	477½	.	3.5	14.2
75½	47½	Burn Stewart	48½	.	8.8	12.1
1040	865	Glenmorangie 'A'	972½		1.7	24.0
629½	425½	Grand Met	617	+3	3.3	19.6
639½	434	Guinness	617	+4½	3.3	17.6
380	321½	Highland Dist	331		3.2	15.5
336	235	Matthew Clark	243½		12.3	11.6
109½	52½	Merrydown W	70	+5	8.2	9.4
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1771½	-25	2.1	.

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1170¾	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1103¾		2.8	.
971	710	Abbey Nat	852	+6½	3.8	15.1
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	615½	+3	3.3	16.1
503	398½	Allied Irish	496½	-6½	3.7	14.1
454½	363½	Aus New Z	433½		4.4	..
4159¾	2875	Bank America	4006½	-16¾		
432	291½	Bank Scotland	415	-3½	2.5	12.6
1303½	978½	Barclays	1277½	+10	3.2	12.4
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	702½	+2	2.9	.
7800¾	6006½	Citicorp	7563½	-93¾		..
1759¾	1268½	Commerzbk	1634½	+3½	2.8	.
862½	559¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	734¾	-12¾	0.6	.
3659¾	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3528¾	+18¾	1.7	.
1131½	758½	Espirito Santo	1086½	+3½	3.2	.
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	804½	-7½	0.6	..
1973	1272½	HSBC	1942½	-10	2.6	16.8
1884½	1241	HSBC Hk	1855	-12½	2.8	16.1
783	714	Halifax	761½		2.4	32.7
610	483½	Irish Perm	580	+15	2.8	.
705	424	Lloyds TSB	674½	+6	2.4	21.8
888¾	699½	Nat Aust Bk	870½	+12¾	4.5	12.3
896½	663¾	Nat West	851	+7½	4.3	12.8
663½	508	Ryl Bk Scot	629½	+14	3.9	13.6
1048	681	Stand Chart	963½	-11½	1.9	17.3
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	.
374¾	315½	Westpac	348½	+1½	4.2	
373½	294	Woolwich	295	-6	3.3	17.6

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass†	784½	+16	4.1	14.7
68½	43½	Bk for the Bdr	47½		4.9	
205	147½	Burtonwd Brw	146½		4.8	13.2
155½	123	City Centre Rest	126½		2.5	21.0
744½	612½	Compass Gp	622½	-12½	1.8	22.7
305	252	Eldridge P 'A'†	289		2.4	15.9
485	435	Fuller Sm 'A'	445		2.8	
586	422½	Greenalls Gp	424½	-3½	4.7	10.6
790	642	Greene King†	678½	+1	3.0	
237½	164½	Grosvenor Inns	174½		4.4	16.9
295	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	260½		1.4	24.6
298½	261	Hardy Hansn†	267	+1½	5.1	11.9
2850	2700	Holt J	2775		2.7	16.4
78	63½	Inn Business	64	-1	3.1	13.6
357	332	Mansfield†	336		2.6	
315½	250	Marston Thmp	276½	-1	3.7	
615	517½	Morland†	517½	-2½	3.7	13.3
266½	210	Old Eng Pub	254½		1.0	32.8
43½	26½	Paramount	28½			
820½	527½	PizzaExpress	634	-1	0.6	41.4
437½	337½	Ramsdens (H)	385	-2½	1.6	34.0
378½	262½	Regent Inns	272½	-1½	1.2	26.1
712½	627	Scot & New	691½	+3½	3.9	14.5
289	248½	Vaux Group	275	-½	4.9	12.4
1327½	1105	Wetherspoon JD	1327½		0.8	30.7
818	738½	Whitbread†	768½	-6	3.9	14.1
706½	587	Wolvrhmptn D	595		3.7	13.0
531	419½	Yates Bros†	522½		1.0	27.9
702½	615	Young 'A'†	697½		2.7	27.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
37½	17½	AAF Inds	19½	.		
205	170	Abbey	200		3.2	22.6
347½	237½	Allen	327½		2.9	19.6

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Electrocompnts†	421½	+8	2.3	23.8
220½	130½	Eurodis Elec	133½	-1	4.6	19.0
97½	76½	European Mtl	88	.	8.3	7.5
263	213	Evans Halshaw	223½	...	9.2	..
53½	39½	Fife Indmar	39½	...	10.4	7.9
397½	320½	Finelist Grp	323½	.	2.6	16.4
34½	25½	Gardiner	26½	...	4.6	8.6
79½	57½	Glenchewton	66		2.6	12.9
110	82½	Gowrings	95½		3.9	21.7
15½	11	HR Owen	13	+½	6.3	11.8
103	20½	Hunter	28	-2	27.2	2.6
267½	232½	Harris (Philip)†	239½	+2	5.2	9.2
320½	284½	Headlam	309½	+1	2.3	20.4
160	145	Holders Tech	158½	..	6.1	14.5
240½	188½	ISA Intl	188½	-1	1.9	15.2
308½	240½	Inchcape	275	+2½	4.8	16.8
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	65½	. .	4.3	10.1
275	214½	Kwik Fit	255	-½	2.7	18.3
393½	316½	Lex Service	379½	...	5.4	13.3
122	100	Lookers	107		9.6	7.5
9	5½	Middlesex	7		1.8	
41½	10½	Midlands†	16	-½	3.8	3.3
472	180	Norbain	236½		4.6	
186½	114½	Northamber	133		1.3	8.2
352¾	305½	Partco	328½	+4½	3.0	17.2
404½	342½	Pendragon	357½		3.5	16.5
223½	185½	Perry Gp	185½		6.0	8.8
751	448	Premier Farnell	457	+4½	3.3	16.9
152½	124½	Quicks Group	140½	-1	6.2	9.5
357	307½	REA†	350	.	1.4	43.1
2½	1½	Reece	2	..		23.3
28	12½	Roneau	14½		2.2	.
4	2¼	Ross Gp	2½	.		
109½	78½	Ryland	98½		5.7	15.9
38	24	SEP Ind	33½	.	5.8	15.4
92½	35	Saltire†	38½	..	3.9	..
415½	308½	Thom Products†	309½		4.8	11.8
337	228	UMECO†	314		2.2	20.4
77½	59	United Ocean Gp	76½			16.6
352½	287½	Vardy (Reg)	287½	-13	3.3	..
685	498½	WF Elect	666½	-1½	2.5	24.2
41	26½	Wilshaw	30½	+1	3.5	
172½	118½	Wyko	118½	...	2.8	13.8
154½	119½	Young (H)†	141½	.	3.8	12.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492½	327½	Antofagasta	440		1.5	23.2
338	232½	Ascot Hldgs	232½	-1½	2.8	38.8
917	790	Braten Hill	837½	+3½	2.7	20.7
299	180½	BTR	196	+3	6.1	8.5
601½	462	BAT	536½	-12	6.1	11.5
60½	53½	Brierley Inv	55½	+½	8.5	9.1
266	185	Cookson	186½	+1	5.8	11.7
229½	199½	Cosalt	209	-1½	6.3	8.9
365½	255½	DCC	364½	-½	2.4	13.6
312½	267	Gallaher	308	-1	9.0	10.2
141	115½	Grampian Hldg†	122½		6.2	10.7
140½	101½	Harrisn Crsfld	116	+1½	9.7	11.0
520½	423½	Hutch Whamp	492½	-4	2.0	21.1
438½	369	Imperial Tob	370	-1½	6.8	7.4
505½	331	Jardine Math	428½	+1	3.5	
158½	121½	Lonrho	122	-1	5.0	12.5
175½	144	McLeod Russell	144½	-5½	5.9	11.5
457½	388½	Powell Duffryn†	411½	-1	7.6	11.7
145	113½	Ropner	145		3.8	
197½	153½	Staveley†	180½	.	6.2	15.7
602¾	448½	Swire Pacific	516½	-8½	2.8	
397½	337½	TT Group	345	-10	2.8	15.2
290½	252½	Tomkins	285	-3½	5.2	12.6
210	166	Undare†	205		7.9	10.8
498	407½	Wardle Storeys	410		5.9	15.3
387½	304½	Wassall	304½	-2	2.5	18.7
166½	123½	Whitecroft†	124		5.0	18.8
345½	294½	Williams	325	+½	5.8	13.7

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	108½	Six Hundred†	109½	-½	6.7	2.5
832½	722½	Smiths Ind	722½	-4½	2.9	17.8
737½	600	Spirax-Sarco	602½	-3½	3.7	15.9
303½	246½	Sterling Indl	251½	-1½	5.0	12.2
554½	450	TI	466	+9½	3.9	15.5
116½	101½	Tinsley (E)	111½	..	7.1	
120½	92½	TransTec	92½		3.2	13.1
206½	144½	Triplex Lloyd	166½	+12½	5.4	
220½	150½	Unicorn Intl	217½	.	3.6	.
77½	48½	Utd Inds	55½	-2	5.4	16.0
273½	172½	Vickers	177	-4	5.1	10.6
10½	8½	Villiers Gp	10			
712½	527½	Vitec	527½	-2½	2.9	9.6
952	749	Vosper Thcroft	749	-6	4.3	12.1
350	213½	Wagon Ind	222½	+6½	6.9	11.1

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	24	Edinburgh Inca	31½	+½		
391	343½	Edinburgh IT	385		3.5	30.7
134	102½	Edin Japan	125	-½		
417½	312	Edin US Tk	414½	+2½	1.7	70.9
502	420½	Electra Invt	487	.	2.4	43.7
276	86½	English Nat	381	...	0.2	...
156½	144½	Eng & Scot	155½		2.4	40.4
406½	372	European Asset	391	+½	1.2	
108½	90½	Fidlty Asian Val	98½			
274½	216½	Fidlty Euro Val	274½	+1½	0.2	
50	36	Fidlty Jap Val	45½	-½		
136½	123	Fidlty Spec Val	125½	-½	...	...
236½	205½	Finsbury 'A'	216½		2.3	59.0
214	162½	Five Arr Chile	205½	+1½	1.4	...
31½	21	Fmg Ae Wts	30½	+½	...	...

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3850	3150	Murray S/C Uts	3760	..	4.0	..
485½	419	Murray Small	465½	+1½	1.6	
405	387	Murray Vent	402½		4.6	22.5
5½	5½	Newmond	5½			
447½	353½	O'seas Inv Tst	440		1.1	...
240	156½	O'seas Wts	246	+½		
126	97½	Pacific Assets	100½	-½	9.5	
116½	98	Perp Inc Gth	115	+½	4.0	
56	41	Perpetual Jap	52	-½		
366½	290½	Perpt UK Sm Co	300	-½	4.0	26.8
£151½	£128½	Personal Assets	£150	.	1.9	49.3
134½	113½	Prolific Inc	119		4.9	27.3
263	229	RIT Cap Ptnr†	261	..	0.9	77.0
580½	479½	Robeco	540	+½	2.0	...
577½	487	Rolinco	547½	+½	1.9	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
803½	502½	Flextech	678	-2½	...	...
232½	218½	GGT Group	217½	-4	3.4	15.2
282½	167½	GWR Grp	171½		2.0	28.8
387½	309½	Greenhouse Group	326½	+2	2.9	16.3
34½	24½	Goodhead	21½		1.0	19.2
319½	243½	Grampian	315½		2.9	21.7
415	217½	HTV Group	412½	...	1.3	49.6
287½	287½	Haynes Pub	225		8.0	10.3
22½	12	Highbury Hse	12½			
239	195	Hodder H'line	195	...	4.2	14.7
285	243	Home Counts	250		2.7	54.3
394½	286	IBC	387½		3.0	14.8
28½	18½	Incepta	19	+½		20.5
352½	287½	Independent	352½		2.9	
145	85	Interscope	110		4.5	8.8

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

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OTHER FINANCIAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
64¾	53	Rutland Tst	58¾	.	3.0	15.8
157½	99½	SEC Group	113	-½	5.6	8.0
445	302	S & U	338	+½	6.0	8.3
1787½	1500	Schroders	1752½	+2½	1.4	19.1
1577½	1330	Schroders N/V	1547½	+2½	1.6	16.8
630	522½	Secure Tst	577½	.	4.3	13.1
162½	127½	Singer & Fried	136	+½	4.3	11.7
49½	29½	Towry Law	35	...	..	...
4	2½	Trio Hldgs	3½			
108½	71	Union	76		2.5	
397½	310	Waltrust	380	..	4.2	17.9

PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
285	179	Brit Biotech	189½	-15½	...	..
1118	865	Cantab Pharma	847½	-7½	.	.
673	247½	Celltech	264	-3½	..	
443½	237½	Chiroscience	246½	-4½	...	...
293½	176	Cortecs	184½	+2		
1353	885½	Glaxo Well	1314	-13½	3.1	27.1
245	149½	ML Laboratories	168			29.5
330½	239	Medeva	248	-14	2.4	...
403	228½	Peptide Thera	308½		...	.
202½	195½	Powderject	202½	.	.	.
92	24½	Proteus Intl	46½	...	..	..
737½	305	Scotia	315	-2½	..	..
246	216	Shire Pharms	238½	+1½		
95	84½	SkyePharma	88½		...	...
1202½	768½	SmithKline†	1174	+5½	1.7	28.4
382	299½	Therap Anti Inc	322½	-1	.	
707½	452½	Vanguard	452½	-10	.	
435	210	Xenova	270	-2½		
2066½	1585½	Zeneca	2031	+11	2.2	26.7

PRINTING & PAPER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	113	AG Holdings	113½	.	6.6	9.7
792	635	API	636	-15	2.3	18.2
65	47½	App Hldo	58½			
302	151	Arjo Wiggins	184	-2½	5.7	18.2
24	17½	Bath Press	23½		2.8	10.2
450½	381½	Bemrose	381½	...	4.9	10.0
229½	132½	Bingden	133	-½	2.4	9.3
3100	2178½	Bowater Inc	2943½	+118½		
321½	252½	Boxmore Intl	281		1.4	13.9
745	500	Br Polythene	500½	-1	4.6	10.6
24½	14½	Br Thornton	18½	..		
146	49	Britton Grp	58		7.4	5.4
234	180½	Bond	195½	-3½	4.0	12.0

PROPERTY

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330½	121	MFI	123½	...	5.8	13.9
538	458½	Marks Spencer†	534½	+26½	3.0	20.8
545	437	Menzies (John)	441	-1½	3.9	11.5
27½	22½	Merchant Retail	25½	...	1.2	17.6
287	231	Moss Bros	232½	-1	2.6	18.2
754½	523½	Next	709½	+23	2.6	28.0
42	27½	Oliver (G)	36½	-½		...
535	467	Ottakars Intl	485		3.2	...
74½	69½	Partridge Fine	74½	...	5.5	13.2
49½	28½	QS Hldgs	35	-½	...	..
337½	257½	Ramdyn	257½	..	3.6	14.0
147½	72½	Savn Group	75	. .	11.8	5.9
95½	62½	Sears	63	..	7.8	15.5
36½	26½	Signet Group	30½	...		18.5
484½	341½	Smith WH	341½	-8	5.7	..
1110	910	Sotheby's	1002½	+12½	2.4	...
305½	184	Storehouse†	188	-1	5.4	11.6
158	107	Style	128½	.	4.7	32.4
202½	152½	T & S Stores	156½	+1	6.2	9.3
268½	149	Thorn	176	+5½	10.1	12.6
203½	137½	Tie Rack†	143½	-½	2.8	13.7
340	205½	UNO	284	.	2.0	31.4
4	3	Upton & South	3½		.	15.4
643½	430½	Vendome	455½	+1	2.9	16.9
26	5½	WEW Group	5½	-½	.	4.6
417½	132½	Wickes	172	-1		
313½	232½	Wyevale	277½	...	2.8	20.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
525	388	AEA Techt	420	-5	2.5	21.1
114	95	Alpha Airpts	96	...	6.6	11.5
48	34½	Alphameric	43	-½	..	21.2
58	32½	Amec Gp	34	-½		...
387½	264	Atkins WS†	285½	-1	3.0	
188½	134½	BMB Res	134½	-½	7.1	8.5
457½	394½	BPP	415	..	3.9	10.1
182½	95	BSM	107½		8.8	8.0
699	418	BTG	672½	+1½	0.2	...
88½	69½	Brooks Service	84½		5.2	12.8
510	443	Business Post	444	-2½	3.0	...
1422½	840	CMG	1422½	+27½	0.5	52.0
250½	222½	CRT Gp	237	...	2.2	28.8
805	590	Caird Gp	642½		1.6	6.2
275½	161½	Capita Group	257½	.	0.8	54.6
9	6½	Chemex	6½	.	3.0	11.9
455	308	Chubb Sec	450	-½	2.4	21.8
236	172½	Corp Services	184½	-1	3.4	15.8
56½	27½	Coutts Cnslg	29½		9.7	9.5
346	217½	DCS Gp	232½	+2	0.8	19.0
272½	232½	Davis Service	252½	+½	5.1	14.1
910	730	Delphi	750	.	1.0	22.7
390	280	Diagonal	341			44.3
252	170	Dudley Jenkins	211½	+1	2.9	
79½	37	EW Fact	43½	.	5.7	8.9
100	57½	El Data Prc†	60½	. .	4.5	12.8
602	479	FI Group	521½	+6½	1.2	
580	515	Fage	578½	-½	1.8	24.0

RETAILERS, FOOD

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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TRANSPORT

WATER

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
65	32½	Memory Corp	32½	-1	.	..
590	280	Prime Rail	339	-6	...	.
1285	945	Ramco Ener	1080	+10	0.1	...
789	619½	Southern News	749½	-1	3.1	24.2
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
510	410	Surrey Fr Inns	485	-5	0.7	32.2
60½	24	Toredent†	24½		...	...

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited; . . . No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100	100	Treas 7% 1997	100	..	7.00	6.77
101½	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100	-	8.73	6.56
106	102	Exch 15% 1997	102	-	14.66	6.72
103¼	101	Exch 9¾% 1998	101	-	9.61	6.93
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.24	7.05
110	105	Treas 14% 1998-01	105	-	13.25	7.08
114	109	Treas 15½% 1998	109	-	14.15	7.15
109	106	Exch 12% 1998	106	-	11.31	7.18
105	103	Treas 9½% 1999	103 †	-	9.20	7.22
111	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	107	-	11.35	7.23
108	105	Treas 10½% 1999	105	-	9.95	7.12
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	97	-	6.13	7.22
110	106	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	-	9.63	7.25
105	104	Conv 9% 2000	104	-	8.64	7.26
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102	-	7.82	7.23
119	115	Treas 13% 2000	115 †	-	11.29	7.30
112	98	Treas 10% 2001	108	-	9.22	7.28
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	99		7.06	7.23
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
122	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.83	7.27
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	103	-	7.71	7.21
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	113	-	8.82	7.25
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	-	10.15	7.32
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86 †	-	4.07	5.97
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	112	-	8.41	7.17
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	97	-	6.90	7.11
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	108	-	7.84	7.13
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	113	-	8.36	7.15
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.98	7.25
103	98	Treas 7½% 2006	102	-	7.31	7.11
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	-	7.45	7.14
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	102	-	7.79	7.30
123	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.79	7.28
111	105	Treas 8½% 2007	109 †	-	7.75	7.13
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	101	-	7.16	7.07
115	108	Treas 9% 2008	114	-	7.86	7.10
107	101	Treas 8% 2009	107	-	7.48	7.10
LONGS (over 15 years)						
96	86	Treas 6¼% 2010	92	-	6.73	7.09
117	109	Conv 9% 2011	116 xd†	-	7.70	7.08
118	109	Treas 9% 2012	117	-	7.65	7.08
88	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87	-	6.27	6.81
109	100	Treas 8% 2013	108	-	7.34	7.08
106	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	-	7.30	7.06
110	101	Treas 8% 2015	110	-	7.26	7.08
118	103	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	-	7.40	7.04
112	101	Tr 8% 2021	111	-	7.15	6.97
UNDATED						
50	43	War Ln 3½%	49	-	7.06	
35	30	Treas 2½%	34	-	7.19	
55	49	Consols 4%	54	-	7.36	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114½	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114	-	.	3.05
187	184	Treas IL 2½% 2001	186	-	2.89	3.03
184	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182	-	3.09	3.02
120	117	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	-	3.13	3.58
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	193	-	3.23	3.58
176	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	174	-	3.27	3.55
183	178	Treas IL 2½% 2011	180	-	3.31	3.56
150	144	Treas IL 2½% 2013	149	-	3.33	3.55
161	153	Treas IL 2½% 2016	159	-	3.36	3.59
154	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	153	-	3.40	3.57
128	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	127 xd†	-	3.41	3.57
126	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	125	-	3.41	3.58

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Geoff Brown on the low-budget, high-quality charms of the summer comedy *Swingers*, plus the week's other releases

Men behaving naturally make a hit

Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn in *Swingers*, a shoestring venture shot on the run and stocked with people almost as low on the career ladder as the characters they play

On the face of it, the last thing the Universe needs is another movie about male twentysomethings parading their hormones at the watering holes of Los Angeles. But Swingers earns its place in the sun. It is fresh and witty and, although events are given a twist of absurdity, you never feel far from recognisable life.

Jon Favreau, the screenwriter and lead performer, shaped his tale around the misfortunes of his own circle of actor friends and drinking partners. The casting of Hollywood's favoured young hunks could have dissipated any sense of reality. Luckily, the project, directed by Doug Liman, was pitched as a shoestring venture, shot on the run and stocked with people almost as low on the career ladder as the characters they play.

Favreau is Mike, a struggling actor, dithering over new sexual conquests while nursing the corpse of a failed relationship. Comrades in arms include Vince Vaughn's cocky Trent, the volatile Sue (male, despite the name) of Patrick Van Horn; and Ron Livingston's Ron, who suffers the failed actor's ultimate humiliation: auditioning to play Goofy at Disneyland, and being turned down.

Many portraits of male camaraderie cloud their focus with self-indulgence. Favreau and Liman, whose first cinema feature this is, keep an ironic distance from themselves and their friends, far enough to laugh at their foibles. And location work with a mobile camera in bars, apartments and parking lots removes any risk of smothering artifice. Even those allergic to male camaraderie may take pleasure in *Swingers*.

A journey on London's buses can embrace many dramas, especially during the tourist season, but they pale beside the events recorded by Spike Lee in **Get on the Bus**. Some 20 African American men are travelling from Los Angeles to Washington DC to attend the Million Man March on October 16, 1995. The character range includes a braggart actor, a gay couple, a Black Muslim, a film student, a father and son shackled together by a court order, and an old-timer called Jeremiah fond of dispensing wise words.

He is not alone. Everybody talks effusively as they fraternise, antagonise and explore the black male community's current condition. For a protest rally, the Million Man March stirred up a fair bit of protest against itself, whether through the exclusion of women or the presence as organiser of the controversial Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan. Lee never faces up squarely to either matter, and this makes the film uncomfortable viewing; but at least we are spared watching a narrative bent out of shape to allow for the characters' political debate. Locked into their bus for hour upon hour, there is not much else they can do except talk, or possibly sleep.

As the group crosses the country, changing vehicles and drivers, confronting issues in jittery, often grainy visuals shot with a mobile Super 16mm camera, you can sense the freedom Lee must have felt as he took to the road for a three-week shoot without a conventional story. He also threw aside conventional finance. Instead of relying on Columbia Pictures' coffers, Lee raised the modest $2.5 million from "15 African American Men" (actors, basketball players, music moguls) listed in the end credits.

For a while the film's passion and directness of address are appealing. The ensemble cast, including Ossie Davis, Charles S. Dutton and Andre Braugher, enjoys Reggie Rock Blythewood's sharp dialogue. Then problems pile up, for both bus and film. The vehicle suffers a broken axle. The characters' jousting becomes too schematic. Once Washington is reached, the bus drives slap into melodrama and the debate turns to speechifying.

Swingers
Odeon West End
15, 96 mins
Fresh portrait of the young American male

Get on the Bus
Curzon West End
15, 121 mins
Contentious talkathon from Spike Lee

Someone Else's America
Metro, 15, 96 mins
Whimsical adventures of immigrants in Brooklyn

Unforgettable
Virgin Trocadero
15, 120 mins
Mistitled thriller from John Dahl

Murder at 1600
Warner West End
15, 107 mins
TV movie writ large

Select Hotel
ICA Cinema, 18, 85 mins
Flophouse life in Paris

The message of *Get on the Bus* is salutary. Take control of your lives. Spread peace and goodwill. Don't become defined by media stereotypes, or what the film student character calls the four Rs: rap, rape, rob and riot. But by pitching the message in such an insistent and contentious way, Lee limits the film's appeal to those of the right sex and colour to board the bus in the first place.

"Tom Conti as Alonso" is not the most encouraging credit to meet at the start of a film. We have seen his Latin types before: as this Spaniard trundles into view, thick moustache perched above the mouth, full hair swept back, painful memories recur of *Shirley Valentine*, when Conti pretended to be Greek. Still, fakery and culture clashes are part of the material of **Someone Else's America**, and Goran Paskaljević's film, shot in 1994, potters along, offering wry thoughts about the hopes and yearnings of clandestine immigrants in Brooklyn.

Conti runs a bar. His pal Gayo from Montenegro (Miki Manojlović) works at the docks. Around them cluster family problems. Conti's blind mother (Maria Casarès) longs to return home, so Conti rigs up an aircraft seat and a sound effects tape to speed her on an imaginary journey. Gayo, meanwhile, has a son to find, lost during the family's illegal entry into the country. The tone is alternately comic and sentimental, close at times to the magic realism of Paskaljević's colleague Emir Kusturica.

But, for all its intermittent appeal, *Someone Else's America* can never shake off that thin, artificial flavour of many European concoctions. Something tells you this quaint bit of Brooklyn was recreated on sound stages in Hamburg. The actors exert charm and force, particularly Manojlović, but once the end credits roll you are left with the feeling of having watched little ado about nothing.

The same sensation, in a different key, is provoked by **Unforgettable**, which belies its title. This should not have been so: the director John Dahl has made striking thrillers before (*The Last Seduction* among them), and the cast is full of promise. But once Ray Liotta's medical examiner takes cocktails of chemicals to summon up other people's memories, Liotta and the film both hit the rocks. "I haven't even completed side-effect studies on my rats!" Linda Fiorentino's scientist bleats as Liotta, a troubled man with his wife's murderer to nail, asks for a demonstration. Side-effect studies on the implausible script and Dahl's trite visual tricks would also have been useful.

Murder at 1600 also needs a helping hand. It stars Wesley Snipes, slightly less cocky than usual as a homicide detective in Washington DC. Its setting is the White House, where an office worker has been found murdered in a washroom cubicle. Secret Service agents try to contain the damage, including decorative Diane Lane and menacing Daniel Benzali. Meanwhile, the well-meaning President (Ronny Cox) is embroiled in a hostage crisis with North Korea. With some ingenuity and rigour this could have been whipped into a passable entertainment. But the director, Dwight Little, can only cook up something as tired, slack and silly as the average TV movie.

Passing visitors should avoid checking into **Select Hotel**, although French cinema enthusiasts may find some pleasure in this moody tale of Parisian flophouse life. Laurent Bouhnik, its writer and first-time director, begins with straight-to-camera confessions from its residents: they talk of "waiting for the end", even suicide. Bouhnik views their behaviour with compassion and visual acuity, though you have to be tolerant of the film's miserablist aesthetic to stay the course.

'Young, cool and sexy — I loved it'

Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest releases . . .

SNAP VERDICT

■ *SWINGERS*
Damien Samuels, 20: The new hip flick. This one packs a real punch with its pacy dialogue, and doesn't feel that it has to use the power of the gun to be cool.
Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 18: *Swingers* is a huge seeded bap of talent. *Swingers* is a really great movie.
Tim Thornton, 21: A lads-on-the-pull film that is funny and thoroughly enjoyable.
Sarah Crook, 18: It's young, it's cool and it's sexy. I loved every minute.

■ *MURDER AT 1600*
Damien: Any film with the phrase "you go ahead without me, I'll be OK" is always entertaining, and this is no exception.
Leslie: This slightly unbelievable storyline is made valid by Diane Lane's highly intelligent performance.
Tim: This is edge-of-the-seat stuff. Wesley Snipes was fantastic.
Sarah: Is 1997 going to be a record year for films set in the White House? Feds that can't shoot straight, a dodgy chief of staff and a few secret tunnels: the familiar ingredients are all here in this standard political thriller.

■ *UNFORGETTABLE*
Damien: Clever plot, unfortunately played with more cheese than you would find in a cheese shop.
Leslie: Highly engaging thriller spoilt by badly written dialogue. Still above average.
Tim: Ray Liotta's performance is his best to date. Linda Fiorentino's acting was impeccable as usual.
Sarah: OJ and Richard Kimble shouldn't get too worried. *Unforgettable* is very forgettable — a shame, because it does look like the original plot had potential.

Increased Shakespeare company

NEW ON VIDEO

■ **HAMLET**
Columbia TriStar, PG, 1996
FOUR hours of Shakespeare? It sounds forbidding to most movie viewers. But Kenneth Branagh does everything to sweeten the pill by hiring a varied and eye-catching cast, staging the play with much visual pomp in a late 19th-century setting, and spelling out the lines for all to hear. His own Hamlet tends to chew the scenery, especially when he acts mad; more agreeable things come from Derek Jacobi (Claudius) and Kate Winslet (Ophelia). Available to rent.

Kenneth Branagh overdoing it and Kate Winslet just about right in his full-length, sumptuous *Hamlet*

■ **LIKE GRAINS OF SAND**
Dangerous to Know, 15, 1995
STRIKING film from a young independent Japanese director, Ryosuke Hashiguchi, about high school students wading through the minefields of love and sexual identity. Hashiguchi shows immense sympathy for the vulnerabilities of adolescence, and his cast responds with natural performances. At two hours plus the film is slightly too long, although it does not pay to be inattentive: blink, and you might miss the tender glimpse of a hand caressing a beloved's footprint in the sand.

■ **DAYLIGHT**
CIC, 12, 1996
FANS of old-style disaster movies will be amused by the latest adventures of Sylvester Stallone as a former head of Emergency Medical Services who happens to be driving a taxi near by when New York's Holland Tunnel catches fire. Into the inferno he strides, finding a cross-section of humanity and plenty of chances for muscle-flexing. His speech is hard to understand; but then the script isn't exactly by Noël Coward. Director, Rob Cohen. Available to rent.

■ **LETTER FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN**
Second Sight, U, 1948
SUMPTUOUSLY sad and elegant romantic drama, one of the very best, splendidly set in a bygone Vienna of sweeping staircases and chandeliers. Joan Fontaine is the unknown woman obsessed with a cultured but dissolute heartbreaker (Louis Jourdan). Stylish direction by Max Ophuls; few people ever moved their cameras to such magical and heartbreaking effect.

■ **THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES**
Columbia TriStar, 15, 1996
BARBRA STREISAND directs and stars in this absurd, glossy variation on a forgotten French film about university teachers experimenting with a sexless marriage. She also plays one of them, an ugly duckling; Jeff Bridges is the other, a stud anxious to be put out to pasture. As director, Streisand leaves absolutely nothing to chance, pummelling home comedy and romance as though the target audience were both blind and deaf. She also puts Streisand the actress centre stage, though she sings only during the end credits. Available to rent.

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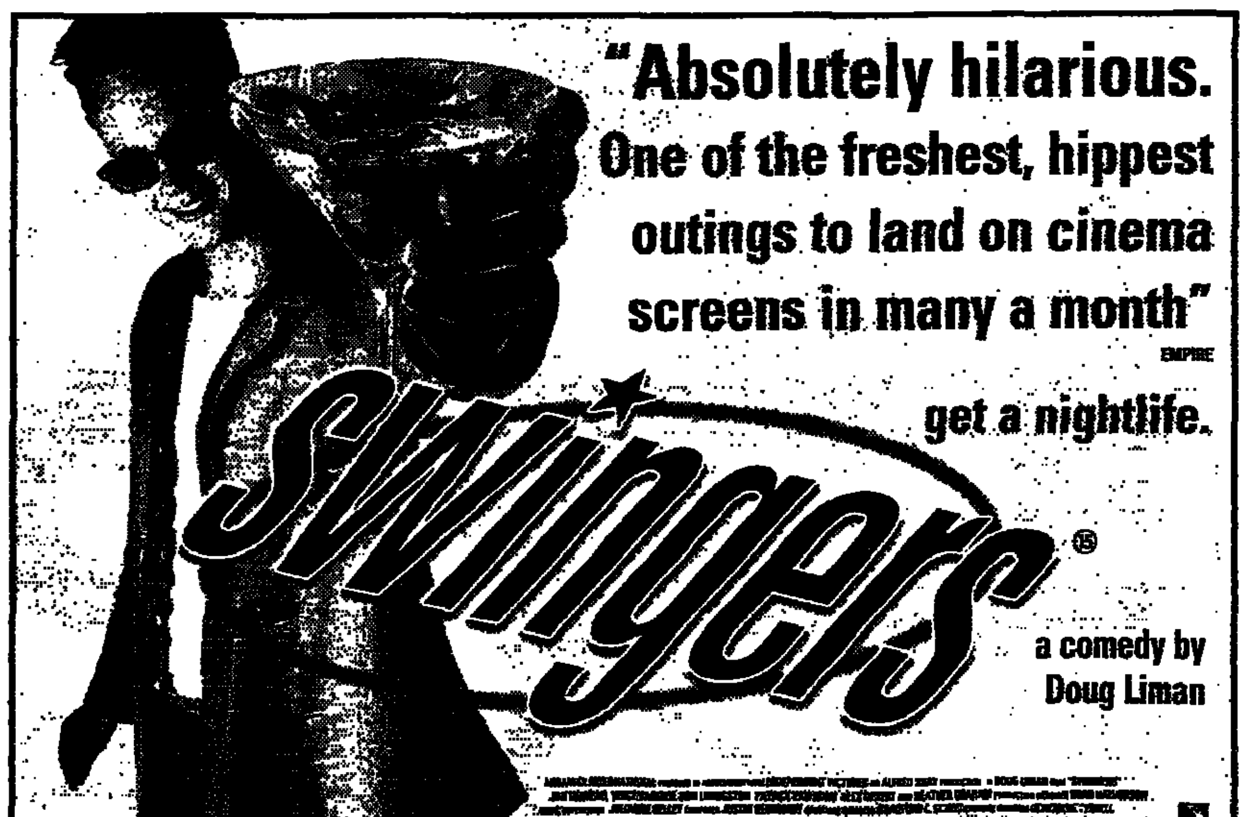
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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

ASSASSINS Sam Buntrock directs a new production of Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical which explores the mindset of nine would-be presidential assassins from John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald
New End 27 New End, Hampstead (NW3) (0171-794 0022). Tonight, 7.30 ♿

CHIMPS Gemma Bodinetz directs a black comedy by Simon Block. A young couple in their first home are driven to distraction by two persistent salesmen
Hampstead Swiss Cottage Centre (NW3) (0171-722 9301). Previews from tonight, 8pm. Opens July 16, 7pm

MONTEVERDI VESPERS: The City of London Festival concludes with a performance by the early music ensemble Les Arts Florissants under William Christie. The splendour of St Paul's Cathedral provides an apt setting for Monteverdi's magnificent work
Festival Box Office: (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

THE ALBATROSS: Trinity College of Music performs a double bill opening with the world premiere of Diana Burrell's two-act tragic chamber opera *The Albatross*. Vaughan Williams's *Riders To The Sea* forms the second half of the programme
Spitalfields Market Opera, E1 (0171-377 1362). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

CAMBRIDGE: The Glaswegian songsmiths **Del Amitri** continue to build on their success with their recently released album *Some Other Sucker's Parade* with a set of UK tour dates
Corn Exchange Wheeler Street, (01223 357851). Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

CHELTENHAM: The **International Festival of Music** begins the day with a concert at the Pittville Pump Room. At 11am Richard Watkins (horn), Anthony Marwood (violin) and Barry Douglas (piano) perform a programme paying tribute to Brahms. At 3pm the same venue is host to a Society for the Promotion of New Music showcase culminating in a concert by the **Sorrel Quartet.** Two performances, both at 7.30pm, compete for evening audiences. At the Town Hall there is a concert by the **Sundsvall Chamber Orchestra** under Niklas Willen with Christian Lindberg on the trombone. Over at the Everyman Theatre the **European Chamber Opera** offers a performance of Strauss's frothy operetta, **Die Fledermaus.**
Tickets and information (01242 227979). Until July 20

The Sorrel Quartet plays the Cheltenham Festival

CHICHESTER: Divorce Me, Darling. Sandy Wilson's sequel to *The Boyfriend*, reveals what happened when everyone reappeared at Nice ten years later. Paul Kerryson directs a large cast led by Ruthie Henshall and Marti Webb
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens July 15, 7.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Annely Juda David Hockney (0171-629 7578) **British Museum** Picasso (0171-636 1555) **Design Museum** The Power of Erotic Design (0171-378 6055) **Dulwich Picture:** Stephen Cox (0181-693 5254) **Hayward** Big Time: Art of the Harlem Renaissance (0171-928 3144) **National** Seurat and the Bathers (0171-747 2885) **Redfern** Ann Christopher (0171-734 1732) **Royal Academy** Hiroshige (0171-439 7438)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ALWAYS** Believe it or not, the King and Mrs Simpson story set to music (by William May and Jason Sprague) starring Jan Hartley and Clive Carter
Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington
Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN** Set on a remote Irish isle, with excellent playing, Martin McDonagh's second play has its faults but is lively and sharply comic
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep ◪

■ **HENRY V** The first full season on ye new olde Elizabethan stage (not actually Shakespeare's) opens with Mark Rylance playing Hal in Richard Olivier's all-male production
Shakespeare's Globe Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919). Evenings in repertory with *The Winter's Tale*, 7.30pm, mats most days, various times

☐ **KING LEAR** Kathryn Hunter goes where no English-speaking actress has gone before, into the title role of Shakespeare's suffering monarch in a modern-dress, visionary production by Helena Kaut-Howson
Young Vic 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7pm, mats Sat, 2pm

☐ **THE MAIDS** Niamh Cusack and Kerry Fox play the title roles, with Josette Simon as their adored and hated mistress, in Genet's over-heated but sometimes compelling drama of obsession. John Crowley directs
Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm

☐ **THE PROVOK'D WIFE** Michael Pennington and Victoria Hamilton play Sir John and Lady Brute, with Alison Steadman helping to complicate their marital difficulties, in Vanbrugh's pungent comedy. Lindsay Posner directs
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mat today, 2.30pm; tomorrow, 7.30pm. In rep

☐ **THE WEIR** Following two plays that were principally monologues, Conor McPherson's latest is set in a bar in rural Ireland: the talk turns to ghosts, of which one girl turns out to have first-hand knowledge. Ian Rickson directs
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CITY OF INDUSTRY** (18): Pretentious tale of criminals falling out in LA. With Harvey Keitel, Stephen Dorff
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

JOUR DE FETE (U): French postman emulates American methods. Joyous revival of Jacques Tati's first feature (1948), restored in colour
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ **ONE FINE DAY** (15): Two single parents juggle kids and careers. Beguiling comedy with George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Michael Hoffman
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THE QUEST (18): Martial arts nonsense set in 1920s Tibet. Jean-Claude Van Damme directs and stars
Plaza (0990-888 990)

◆ **RUMBLE IN THE BRONX** (15): Hong Kong cop hits trouble in New York. Rousing but dishevelled vehicle for action superstar Jackie Chan
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

UNHOOK THE STARS (15): Middle-aged widow has time on her hands. Uneven but worthwhile drama with Gena Rowlands and Marisa Tomei. Director, Nick Cassavetes
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THE BATTLE OF ALGIERS Gillo Pontecorvo's masterly drama about the Algerian struggle for independence, made in 1965
ICA (0171-930 3647) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **THE CHAMBER** (12): Death Row drama, from John Grisham's novel, with Chris O'Donnell and Gene Hackman. Director, James Foley
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◆ **THE DEVIL'S OWN** (15): New York cop Harrison Ford unwittingly shelters Brad Pitt's IRA terrorist. Foolish drama directed by Alan J. Pakula
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◆ **LOVE JONES** (15): Courtship among Chicago's blacks. Endearing romance with Larenz Tate and Nia Long. Director, Theodore Witcher
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The Kirov's historic production of *Don Quixote*: "the stage reels from the impact of four acts of virtuosic dancing"

Never-ending feast

Debra Craine sees the Kirov Ballet open its Coliseum season with an ebullient *Don Quixote*

The Kirov Ballet has had *Don Quixote* in its repertoire for more than 100 years but not until Tuesday night, when the company opened its five-week Coliseum season, did we in Britain have the pleasure of seeing it. We have met its offspring, of course: both Nureyev and Baryshnikov drew on their Kirov inheritance for their Western stagings. But here is the original Petipa, or at least as close to the original as we are going to get.

Petipa first created *Don Quixote* in Moscow in 1869 and two years later staged another version for St Petersburg. In 1900 a new production was staged in Moscow by Alexander Gorsky, who retained Petipa's scenario and much of his choreography. This was the production which made it to the Maryinsky Theatre in St Petersburg in 1902 and this is the version the Kirov still performs today.

The first thing you notice are the designs, based on the 1902 sets and costumes by Alexander Golovin and Konstantin Korovin. They are lovely: a fine and delicate evocation of sea and summer whose colours look as if they have been washed by Mediterranean sun.

Russians like their ballet big, and the Gorsky-Petipa *Don Quixote* is bulging. The stage reels from the impact of four acts of virtuosic dancing. Barely has one soloist finished before another leaps in to seize the spotlight. Exuberant displays of academic dance mingle with flashy character numbers and glittering gypsy turns. The Don's vision scene, set in the magical Kingdom of the Dryads, is full-blown classicism for the corps de ballet: the crowd scenes (courtesy of Gorsky) are hopping. This is a piece for the entire company, and everyone has their say.

This *Don Quixote* is also a cheery Spanish comedy and if there's one thing the Russians can really get their teeth into it's good old-fashioned humour. They love to draw attention to themselves and in a lusty and broadly animated ballet like *Don Quixote* such a jolly, self-promoting attitude is wonderfully appropriate.

Despite the title, the Don himself is a tangential figure (here played as a sad and confused old knight by Vladimir Ponomarev). Petipa chose in his scenario to focus on a single episode from the sprawling Cervantes novel — the wedding of Kitri and Basil. They are the leads, and on opening night the Kirov cast two of the world's greatest dancers in the parts. Altynai Asylmuratova, reigning queen of the Kirov, flirted shamelessly with the audience and we loved her for it. Her Kitri was a gutsy good-time girl and her dancing was no less than we have come to expect from her: grand and gorgeous, yet spiced with the down-to-earth femininity of a real innkeeper's daughter.

Igor Zelensky, who recently guested with the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden, was her Basil. His handsome town barber was hilariously thick: Kitri was clearly more interested in his well-endowed thighs than his incisive brain. Zelensky is also an exciting dancer — those jumps of his really ignited the audience.

The Orchestra of the Maryinsky Theatre, the Kirov's own, is here for the entire Coliseum season. Opening night they fielded Viktor Fedotov — one of the heroes of the ballet conducting world — who pumped out the Minkus melodies with vigour and an infectious delight.

Return of red-hot reggae

POP

Finley Quaye
Dingwalls, NW1

ONCE an incendiary property calling down fire on Babylon, reggae has for some time been off the boil, producing little chart action and less interest. Fortunately no one told Finley Quaye he was playing yesterday's music.

Last month the British-born singer of Ghanaian extraction waltzed — or perhaps skanked — straight into the upper reaches of the singles chart with *Sunday Shining*, a sublime contemporary reworking of Bob Marley's 1978 classic *Sun Is Shining*.

Quaye, 23, is hot and has made reggae cool again and there was an air of celebration for his biggest London show to date as youthful followers attracted by a *Top of the Pops* appearance mingled with grizzled rasta veterans who had put aside their ancient collections of rare Jamaican imports for an old-fashioned night out.

Quaye opened with *It's Great When We're Together*, a slow funky groove with sparse rhythms and laid-back vocals that could almost have been Sly Stone. Yet he was soon into the chunky reggae vibes of *Ultimate Stimulation* and *Sunday Shining*, his unusual offbeat phrasing displaying a fuller, more rounded quality than the clipped tones of the studio recording.

Marley is clearly the strongest influence and there is also a considerable debt to Burning Spear, yet Quaye leads far more than a tribute band. This is the voice of multicultural Britain, brought up on a varied diet of soul, reggae, rock and jazz and then distilled into something that is distinctively black British.

A moody acoustic section started out as Marley's *Rastaman Vibration* but developed rapidly into Quaye's own adventurous take on his roots and the appearance of the first album, *Maverick A Strike*, in September will consolidate his success. When an encore was demanded Quaye offered a reprise of *Sunday Shining*. Its sheer joyful exuberance, however, meant that for the moment no one was complaining.

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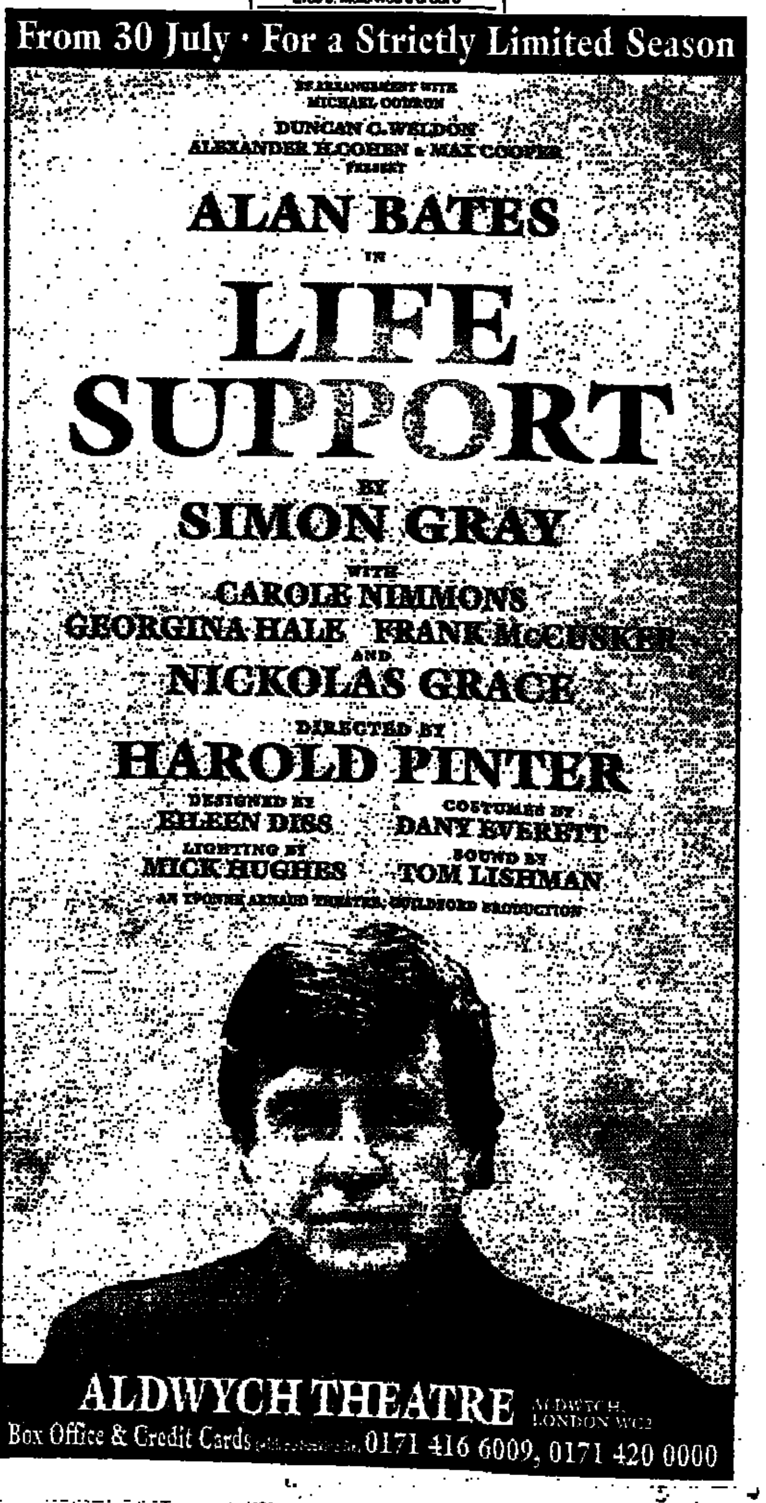

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Summer Holiday
Labatt's Apollo

This was the first time I had visited this vast, charmless theatre since I saw the musical *Heathcliff* there a few months ago, and it was a strangely similar experience. True, the booth in the foyer was selling mugs and T-shirts embossed "Summer Holiday" instead of cute teddy-bears with "Heathcliff" on their tummies. But the matrons of west London were once again rushing about with their cameras, and once again snapping Sir Cliff Richard. This time, though, he was not on the stage improbably passing himself off as Emily Brontë's sex-monster, but sitting in the stalls surrounded by bouncers with walkie-talkies, his dutiful smile and black-and-white striped blazer combining to suggest a cross between a zebra and the Queen Mother.

His presence was appropriate, too, because back in the 1960s he starred in the film of *Summer Holiday*. You recall that pleasant little tale of Cockney busmen on a double-decker spree in Europe? Transposition to the stage has not, I fear, done much for it. The sexy bits, which mainly consist of a boy inadvertently stripping to his Y-fronts in front of a girl in disguise, seem wonderfully innocent in our full-frontal era. Yet overall Ultz's production will probably strike even nostalgia-freaks as an offputting blend of the loud and the naff.

Anyway Ultz, who also designs, has built or borrowed a London bus that would be more plausible if its joins were more invisible and its upper deck quivered less. Luckily or unluckily, we see little of it as the cast visits Paris (berets, a starving accordion player, bellhops in sky-blue) and Switzerland (a clock, bells, peasants in frilly aprons) and Italy (a bridal party and mafiosi) and finally Greece (blokes in white skirts, gold waistcoats and red caps).

The story, such as it is, involves Darren Day's Don and Clare Buckfield's Barbara, respectively an impressively Apollonian bus driver and a demure American pop star. They are pursued across France (a yellow backcloth with pink spots) and the Alps (lots of green fur) by her pushy, possessive mother, and the denouement is never in doubt. But that does not matter because the real point of the evening is its tuneful tootles: *Travellin' Light*, *Summer Holiday*, *Bachelor Boy*, et al.

Is it old-fashioned to complain of the over-miking or to ask why the principals have to wear black electronic gear that stretches from ears to chins, giving the impression that even the girls have let their sideburns run amok? Well, this didn't seem to bother the punters, who hooted when the males flashed their chests or legs, clapped and waved to the music, and went wild when Cliff joined the cast onstage for a reprise of *Summer Holiday*.

I must admit to feeling some sympathy with Lord Lloyd-Webber, who weaved through the throng muttering "oh dear, oh dear" like a harried herbivore from Lewis Carroll. But who were we to resist what's less a musical, more a phenomenon?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Too rude for prime time

Ready or Not
Theatre Royal, Stratford East

Ever since the genre of intimate revue sank beneath the waves of television, back in the 1960s, there have been keen-eyed observers up in the crow's nest of the good ship *Theatre Critic* ready to call "Revue ahoy!" to the crew waiting on deck. Usually the sighting turns out to be a tired old hulk, patched together from even older hulks, and quickly foundering. But over the past three or four years several sounder vessels have hoved into view, and these may be the flagships of a future fleet.

The striking feature of recent revues at the Tricycle and Stratford East is that the performers, writers and directors have been black, one possible reason being that TV still doesn't offer them enough chances to use their own material, so theatre beckons. Another reason must be that the happily obscene repartee in almost every sketch would give TV controllers the vapours.

This latest example of the form, directed by the Posse's director Jo Martin, is the work of Robert McKewley, fondly remembered as Spider in *Desmond's*, and Adeshegun Ikoli, rapper and stand-up. They make an engaging duo, McKewley the short and perky one, Ikoli his lanky and fractionally more laid-back partner.

Their show is a succession of sketches interlarded with songs, which they manage well enough when this means rapping but less well when a melody comes their way. They are funniest when parodying the wilder extremities of the black scene, like the two apologetic rappers deconstructing their violent lyrics to show that they are in fact respectful hymns to harmony. Or the clever dance contest between James Brown and Michael Jackson, with nifty footwork from McKewley and well-sustained solemnity from both.

Clare Perkins plays a leprechaun and various female roles, though not every one of them because the two other players, Laurence Stevenson and Ameet Channa, drag up for the posturing bouncers number. Coquettish in this, Stevenson has a nice line elsewhere in sweet but slow-witted responses. Cleverest and filthiest of the routines is the "Are You A Nineties Man?" sequence where a member of the audience must choose the most stylish sequel to some unmentionable social catastrophe.

The opening of the show needs polish and some of the video stuff is terrible, but there is enough liveliness, wit and good humour here to cry "Talent ahoy!"

JEREMY KINGSTON

DONALD COOPER

Fare game: Darren Day goes a-busking by bus as a latter-day Cliff Richard in the breezy new stage version of *Summer Holiday*

Out of the groove

JAZZ
Joshua Redman
Barbican

IN WHAT amounted to a personal musical manifesto in the sleevenotes to his most recent album, the saxophonist Joshua Redman dedicated himself to a Janus-like stance with regard to "the tradition" and determined to return to "the open-minded, wide-eared sensibilities of my early years".

The title of that album, *Freedom in the Groove*, neatly sums up the 28-year-old Californian's approach: unequivocally modern, yet sufficiently imbued with the spirit of the great swing improvisers to ensure that the music avoids the enslavement to the groove that can characterise much contemporary jazz.

Redman and band went straight to *Freedom in the Groove* for their first two numbers, a smart, airy guitar/tenor theme entitled *Home Fries* and a bustling tune, *Streams of Consciousness*, that highlighted the leader's alternately grainy and pleasantly foggy tenor sound.

The acid test for any jazz saxophonist, though, is the standard ballad, and Redman chose a classic: *My One and Only Love*. After Peter Bernstein's softly chiming guitar introduction, Redman caressed the tune's melody with the sort of emotional intensity that suggested that, like his great heroes Dexter Gordon and Lester Young, he studies the lyrics of his standards and improvises with their sentiments firmly in mind.

Snappy, rhythmic originals, crisply propelled by the superbly smart rhythm team of pianist Peter Martin, bassist Christopher Thomas and drummer Brian Blade, formed the meat of Redman's 90-minute set, but it was an alto version of Ornette Coleman's *Una Muy Bonita* that provided the highlight, the tune's startling melodic twists providing a perfect vehicle for Redman's easy virtuosity.

Roared back to the stage for an encore (Irving Berlin's *Remember*), Redman tacitly acknowledged the vital role his first-class band had played by featuring them in turn.

CHRIS PARKER

MUSIC: Two British singers in recital, and the world premiere of a cantata derived from a Leonard Bernstein musical that flopped

Tenor sounds a last hurrah

Dennis O'Neill
Covent Garden

As the curtain slowly descends at the Royal Opera House this week, one final concert performance took place: a one-man show by the tenor Dennis O'Neill. He was paying valedictory tribute to Covent Garden's current festival composer, Verdi, in a recital shared with his bel canto ancestors, Bellini and Donizetti, and his successors, Leoncavallo, Cilea and Tosti.

Verdi framed the evening. First, as *Luisa Miller's* Rodolfo, O'Neill fused pain and anger, long perspectives of love remembered and anguished foreground detail of love betrayed, in a compelling performance of *Quando le sere al placido*. And by the end of the recital, O'Neill's tenor had reached full stature as Otello in a remarkably concentrated recreation of the summation and expiry of his life.

With Ingrid Surgenor's sentient piano accompaniment, every nuance, every last flickering movement of breath and pulse was reactivated. Dewy-eyed old ladies sat rapt and ardent young men prepared to unfold their cheerleaders' banners.

The real warmth and affection for O'Neill which emanated from this audience had been generated cumulatively throughout the recital. O'Neill has a particular knack for drawing his listeners close into the living presence of every note by a meticulous scaling of the voice to the repertoire, by lively eye contact and close-focused gesture.

Three concert arias by Bellini, including *Vaga luna che inargenti* and *Ma rendi pur contento* threaded each word through the melodic line with tender care. Thus, even when a phrase in *mezza voce* or half-voice was initially a little undernourished, it still made its emotional mark.

With the grief-stricken rhetoric of Donizetti's *E morta* and Gastaldon's serenade *Musica proibita*, O'Neill's voice limbered up to full, supple strength for Pagliacci's anguished *Vesti la giubbia*. The powder, paint and motley of the tragic clown was ironically donned, and fleshed out in the orchestral colours and textures cunningly recreated by Surgenor's subtly delivered piano accompaniment.

Her piano playing and O'Neill's quietest singing were at their most eloquent after the interval in *E la solita del pastore*, the little pastoral vignette from Cilea's *L'Arlesiana*. Then, from a shepherd's sleep and oblivion, O'Neill's tenor woke to honour Queen Victoria's memory in three songs by her beloved Paolo Tosti: *Tormento*, *L'ultima canzone* and a delightful *'A vucchella*, quite cleansed of cliché, with each seductive phrase turned and tasted to the full.

HILARY FINCH

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PERCY GRAINGER's *The Warriors*, one of the most remarkable of this extraordinary composer's scores, has suddenly been rediscovered after 80 years. John Eliot Gardiner recorded it for DG not so long ago. Richard Hickox brings it to the Proms later this month (with a Chandos recording in the pipeline), and now Simon Rattle offers his own interpretation.

Subtitled "Music to an imaginary ballet for orchestra and 3 pianos", *The Warriors* was described by Grainger as "an orgy of warlike dances, processions and merry-makings broken, or accompanied, by amorous interludes". In love or in war the vibrant Grainger spirit is unquenchable; and Rattle's reading is aptly uninhibited.

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In a Nutshell shoehorns four disparate — and pre-existing — numbers into another of Grainger's idiosyncratic but undeniably effective suites, while the *Lincolnshire Posy* (a "bunch of musical wildflowers" in the composer's colourful description) is perhaps his most personal homage to folk song and folk singers.

VOCAL
Hilary Finch

■ AN 1822 SCHUBERTIAD
Ainsley/Koningsberger/Johnson
Hyperion CDJ33028 ★★★
£14.49

WITH an over-abundance of songs to meet the bicentenary deadline, the Hyperion Schubert Edition continues doggedly apace, with the 28th volume presenting 22 more Lieder, complete with a 75-page booklet of texts and typically searching and illuminating essays by Graham Johnson to recreate *An 1822 Schubertiad*.

This was, indeed, the year of the Schubertiad — those informal gatherings of Schubert and friends for poetry reading, song and summer excursions. The composer was at the height of his powers, confident and independent, and not yet struck down by the syphilis which was to blight the remainder of his short life. Joie de vivre tumbles out of some of his most virtuoso piano writing, whether heroically illustrating the Rhine in flood in *Johanna Sebus*, or running fingers through the curly locks of the beloved in *Versunken*.

Johnson, of course, relishes every minute, especially where the spirit of the Schubertiad is epitomised in partsongs such as *Die Nachtigall*, *Frühlingsgesang* and *Des Tages Weihe*, where this album's soloists, tenor John Mark Ainsley and baritone Maarten Koningsberger, are joined by singers such as Simon Keenlyside, Ian Bostridge and Patricia Rozario.

OPERA
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■ WALTRAUD MEIER SINGS WAGNER
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£9.99

MEIER and Maazel together in Wagner forge a potent partnership. They throw off the sometimes staid atmosphere of the recording studio and generate all the feel of live theatre.

Maazel has rather faded from sight as a Wagner conductor recently. But here he and his Bavarian players are right back in the limelight from the pulsating throb they give to Elisabeth's greeting from *Tännhauser*. At the close they are still on top form in the immolation scene from *Götterdämmerung* as the flames begin to lick around Brunnhilde.

This last item gives Meier a chance to show her exceptional virtuosity in the German repertory. Her mezzo beginnings give weight to her plea for rest, as she dispatches her ravens home. Her recently acquired soprano serenity then takes over as she prepares for death.

The *Ring* extracts are carefully interlaced with other Wagner heroines, plus the sorceress Kundry, the role with which she first made a stir at Bayreuth. With soprano and conductor in such form there will not be many more exciting recital discs this year.

★ *Worth hearing*
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Warmed-over turkey

A White House Cantata
Barbican

Leonard Bernstein's musical to celebrate the American bicentenary 21 years ago, *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue*, turned out to be his biggest flop. After a rocky ride on the way to New York it lasted a bare week on Broadway. Particular derision was directed towards the book by Alan Jay Lerner, then close to the peak of his fame, which tracked the American presidents from Washington to Theodore Roosevelt and paralleled them with the lives of a simple black family working at the White House. Lerner might have chanced on a performance of *Cavalcade*: if so he did not absorb too much. *Pennsylvania* remained a real turkey.

Bernstein was so chagrined by the experience that he cancelled the cast album and forbade revivals in his lifetime. But, ever the professional, he did recycle some of the music.

The LSO, with some outstanding Bernstein performances at the Barbican behind them, continue the recycling process. With the composer now safely dead, *Pennsylvania* has now been stripped of as much Lerner as possible (good idea), relaunched as *A White House Cantata* and billed as a world premiere.

Despite massive forces on stage and the almost demonic conducting of Kent Nagano, revamped Bernstein still carries the flavour of heated-up turkey pie. There are perhaps five good numbers, but many of the others exude a feeling of desperation as Bernstein puts more and more razzmatazz into the orchestra to cover up a lack of inspiration.

Basically he is defeated by the concept of employing a single baritone (the highly confident Dietrich Henschel) to sing all the presidents and one soprano (Nancy Gustafson) for all the First Ladies. Presidents have one stirring number in Sousa vein, Jefferson's *Sunday Luncheon March*. Ladies have an inventive scene in which two of them meet. Otherwise the multiple roles are unrewarding.

Bernstein, like a good liberal, gave the best music to the chorus (the excellent London Voices) and to the servant family — Caribbean rhythms infectiously sung by Thomas Young in particular.

In the end it all falls apart. Turkey pie becomes a dog's dinner as a crude bump 'n' grind number is followed immediately by a fervent patriotic finale from Roosevelt. Anniversary commissions come surrounded with mantraps. Those preparing something for the millennium should beware.

JOHN HIGGINS

Leonard Bernstein: inferior work recycled

A big hand for a brilliant duo

Roscoe/Donohoe
Wigmore Hall

FRENCH and American music in equal measure afforded a stimulating two-part structure for Martin Roscoe and Peter Donohoe at two pianos. Their partnership goes back to when they were students at Manchester and, although their performances together are infrequent, they have an instinctive rapport which gives compelling character and conviction to their choice of repertoire.

They defied Debussy's title of *En blanc et noir* for their opening piece by summoning a wide range of keyboard colour to animate its three movements. The passion called for in the composer's marking of "*Avec emportement*" for the first movement was abundant and, apart from a moment of abrupt pedalling disrupting the lament for a First World War victim in the middle movement, it was spirited, but disciplined — as was the dancing finale dedicated to Stravinsky.

Their exchange of fingerwork gave balance and substance to the engaging confection of some Beethoven Variations by Saint-Saëns, but the effect was eclipsed by their command of texture and sonority for Ravel's arrangement of *La Valse*. In this form it acquires the clarity of a black and white version of what is usually heard in opulent orchestral colour. Glittering and lightly sprung at first, it developed all the feverish and macabre qualities embodied in the music.

After the interval Gershwin vied with Copland in tantalising rhythms, the latter's *Danzon Cubano* in its original form showing the two pianists completely at one in judging the rhythms and displaced accents, as they were also in the blues-inflected elements of *An American in Paris*.

To hear Gershwin's motorhorns replaced by insistent, repeated piano notes on different degrees of the scale was fascinating, as was the judgment of tempo in the different musical moods.

Percy Grainger's arrangement of the suite from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* was new to me, and aroused respect for his treatment of familiar melodies that implied a lyrical vocal line in the keyboard writing, and still suggested a sense of dramatic perspective. Equal brilliance from both pianists continued into glittering Paganini Variations as a first encore for an almost sold-out audience.

NOEL GOODWIN

Interior design for the examined life

Roger Scruton admires a philosopher whose work is informed by her compassion and her art

Iris Murdoch by Tom Phillips (1986) in *The National Portrait Gallery* by Charles Saumerez Smith (NPG, £17.50)

Dame Iris Murdoch is a novelist by vocation, and a philosopher by profession. There have been other examples in our century: Santayana, Ayn Rand, Unamuno, Sartre. But they have used their fictions as didactic vehicles, and taken time off from story-telling to give improving (or, in the case of Sartre, corrupting) homilies. Dame Iris, while lacking none of their seriousness, hides behind her narratives with the restraint of a true artist. Her inventiveness and powers of observation surely justify the esteem in which she is held. She is as worthy a member of the guild of novelists as any other writer of our century, and has had an effect on the collective consciousness that no mere philosopher could hope for.

Fiction, Murdoch emphasizes in these essays, deals with concrete experience, and conveys truth directly, without the crippling detour through abstract arguments. Her novels are influenced by philosophy, but not guided by it. She conveys, through her intricate plots, a sense of the extremes to which our modern aversion to extremes has propelled us. This makes her not so much a philosophical novelist as a religious one — a novelist attuned to our spiritual predicament, who offers a kind of petitionary prayer on behalf of the endlessly tormented but utterly plausible characters who emerge from her vast imagination.

IRIS MURDOCH
Existentialists and Mystics
Edited by Peter Conradi
Chatto & Windus, £20
ISBN 0 7011 66 29 0

The publication in one volume of Iris Murdoch's philosophical papers and dialogues is to be warmly welcomed. Dame Iris is a true philosopher, but a modest one: she makes no grandiose claims on her own behalf, but tries by the gentlest persuasion to awaken her reader to the examined life. The moral seriousness of her novels is here translated into powerful theory and one that brings the kind of absolving hope for which her characters so often yearn in vain. For Murdoch the good has an absolute sovereignty. It cannot be overthrown but [illegible] avoided. To understand this [illegible] understand what it means t[illegible]e, and what it is to act and [illegible]m a unified consciousness [illegible]

Murdoch wr[illegible] an intimate knowledge of t[illegible], as well as the art of ficti[illegible]e Plato, the philosopher whom she most admires, she is aware that art may be a destructive force but, unlike Plato, she believes that it is only bad art which destroys, whereas good art is the guide and counsellor of mankind. It is therefore one of the most important tasks of the philosopher to analyse the distinction between good art and bad. She writes that "the practice of any art is a moral discipline, in that it involves a struggle against fantasy, against self-indulgence".

She suggests that fiction is always, "in however covert, unclear, secret, ambiguous a way", about the conflict between good and evil. Fantasy and self-indulgence are the enemies of art, although in the age of television and commercialised culture people have lost sight of this truth. The artist who indulges fantasy — through the pornographic image, for example — puts himself on the side of evil. For he contributes to the fragmentation of the self which occurs when the self falls out of relation with others and refuses to risk itself in works of love.

While fantasy indulges and destroys the self, imagination enlarges it. In the act of imagination we explore the world of other people, go out to them in sympathy, and are compelled to distinguish the lovely from the unlovely, the good from the bad. The work of the imagination is disciplined, intricate and hard; the work of fantasy is a slippery slope of desire. The work of imagination cheers us, she says, by "constructing forms out of what might otherwise seem a mass of senseless rubble". This making of forms is not arbitrary, since art in general, and imaginative literature in particular, is a "truth-seeking activity". Much of the pleasure of art consists in a recognition of "what we vaguely knew was there but never saw before". This thing that we recognise is the Good, the arresting gift of sacrifice which always astonishes. When art ceases to show us the Good, and becomes instead a mirror for our eager narcissism, it joins the forces of corruption.

Such is my reading of these rich and far-reaching essays. And the lesson to be drawn from them is of the first importance of our time, when our culture has been swallowed by fantasy, and when the prizes are awarded not to those who have mastered the art that renews human virtue, but to those who know only how to excite our basest desires.

Subtle in the South Seas

Marc Jordan

GAUGUIN'S SKIRT
By Stephen F. Eisenman
Thames & Hudson, £19.95
ISBN 0 500 01766 2

It is curious how a body of work by a painter can remain exactly the same and that his reputation can remain very high in the eyes of the gallery-going public — while behind the scenes, life and death struggles over the artist's immoral soul go on between mutually hostile camps of academics. Such is the case with Gauguin, although this will certainly come as a surprise to most readers of *The Times*, who probably continue to find his Tahitian paintings both raw and subtle, simple and mysterious, an achievement complete in themselves but also an essential ingredient in the mix of modern art.

Perhaps one day someone will write a fascinating book on how Gauguin the modernist hero became Gauguin the feminist hate object. The outlines of the painter's own story are clear enough: Paris stockbroker becomes collector of avant-garde art and part-time painter. He soon throws over security and comfort, wife and children to paint full time, preferring places increasingly remote from the materialism and artificiality of the late 19th-century city to achieve a purification of his sensibility and his art.

Pont-Aven in Brittany and, briefly and disastrously, Arles with Van Gogh, are followed by self-imposed exile to the furthest fringe of the French colonial empire in the South Seas. Following to its logical extreme the *fin de siècle* taste for the primitive, Gauguin, as he recorded in his book *Noa Noa*, convinced himself that "after the disease of civilisation life in this new world is a return to health". This version of the story is, with Van Gogh's unhappy struggle, one of the paradigmatic tales of heroic modernism.

More recently, however, another spin has been put on it in which Gauguin becomes a representative of colonialist exploitation and sexual tourism, the willing despoiler of the primitive paradise he purported to admire. There are more or less subtle versions of this reading. But they all tend to reduce the Tahitian paintings, his most famous and characteristic works, to evidence of Gauguin's racist attitudes and debauched tastes.

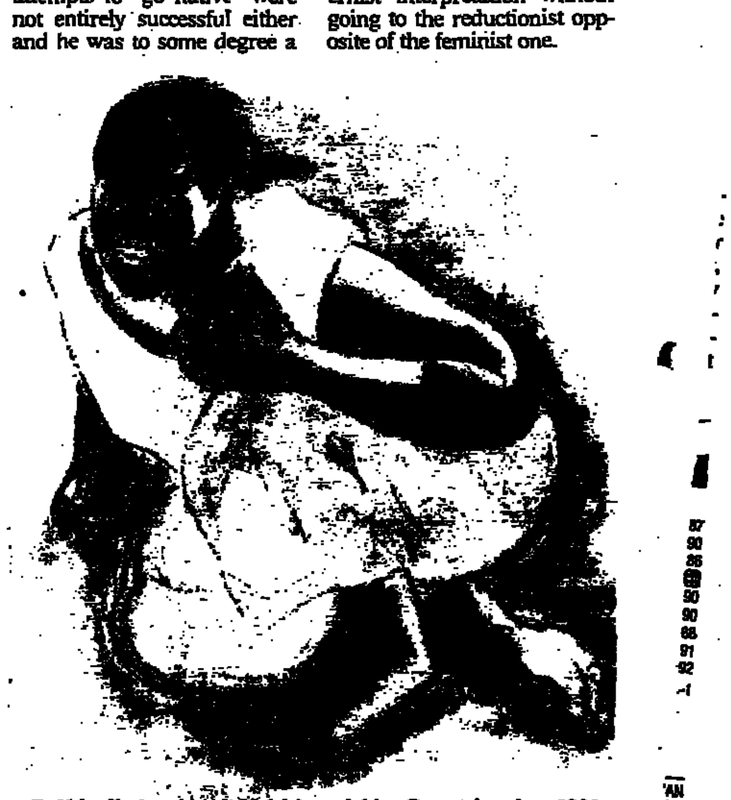
Gauguin's Skirt (in case you wondered, the reference is to the native *pareu*, a garment common to box sexes, that Gauguin wore much of the time in the South Seas) takes a very different line. By bringing to bear some intelligent anthropology as well as art history and a keen appreciation of the aesthetic quality of the art, Stephen Eisenman is able to present a convincing picture of a Gauguin who is neither the solitary genius of the heroic interpretation or the self-indulgent phallocentric beast of the feminists and postcolonialists.

The key to Professor Eisenman's on the whole sympathetic and appreciative portrayal is the highly ambivalent racial, social and sexual position that the painter occupied in Tahiti for both the expatriates and the natives. With his eccentric appearance, disregard for conventional morals and his meddling in local politics, he quickly became a thorn in the sides of the settlers and the administration. His attempts to "go native" were not entirely successful either and he was to some degree a figure of sympathetic ridicule to the Tahitians. Yet in the end, Eisenman argues, it was Gauguin's sexuality, and in particular the sophisticated understanding of gender that he brought from Symbolist circles in Paris, that enabled him to appreciate that the much looser boundaries between the sexes in Tahiti were not, as they appeared to the colonists, a reprehensible sign of degeneracy but were an integral part of historical Polynesian culture. They were a vehicle of passive resistance to European values and recognised aspects of the human condition that Westerners ignore at their peril.

If this sounds to the sceptic ear a little too pat and postmodern it can only be said that not only is Eisenman's argument a good deal subtler than this brief summary, but that it is convincingly grounded in an understanding of both Polynesian and French culture in the 19th century.

Eisenman gives to Gauguin something of the role of a sympathetic ethnographer, privileged to observe the Tahitian way of life with fewer prejudices than his fellow French and to incorporate his understanding into works of art that draw on European and Polynesian traditions.

Above all, *Gauguin's Skirt* appears to give intuitively satisfying insights into the meaning of a strange and beautiful group of paintings that dispel some of the spurious mystifications of the modernist interpretation without going to the reductionist opposite of the feminist one.



Politically incorrect? Tahitian girl by Gauguin, circa 1892

Peel away the soul and keep the pith

Joanna Pitman

AMRITA
By Banana Yoshimoto
Faber, £12.99
ISBN 0 571 19279 3

I HAVE LONG thought that Banana Yoshimoto's novels should carry a Government imposed health warning: something like: "This book can seriously do your head in." Experienced Yoshimoto readers should realise that her novels can have the effect of addictive drugs — the intoxicating highs are accompanied by rather more numerous doomy lows and therapy should perhaps be considered on completion. *Amrita*, her latest novel, is, like her previous bestsellers — *Kitchen*, *N.P.* and *Lizard*, a tale of absolute kitsch told with a mixture of childlike naivety, flights of bizarre fantasy and a great deal of poetic morbidity.

A celebrated actress — a magnetic Marilyn Monroe figure — dies in strange circumstances leaving a trail of family and friends whose disjointed lives come together to share their melancholy at the transience of life. The story unfolds through the eyes of Sakumi, the actress's older sister, who meanders through life in a haze of late adolescent confusion, trying to look after her troubled younger brother who turns out to have psychic powers. She is also dealing with their kooky, twice-married mother, while attempting to build up a serious relationship with her dead sister's ex-lover (who happens to be writing a novel called *Amrita* about all of the above).

Confused? Just you wait. There is an eclectic cast of spirits, erotic ghosts, episodes of memory loss and partial retrieval, near suicide, a smattering of cross-dressing among other odd sexual disguises, all set against the electric and demonic spirit of contemporary life in Japan's megacities.

Pathos, nostalgia, the sense of exquisite sadness at the fleetingness of life are key elements of beauty in Japanese aesthetics, and all are themes central to Yoshimoto's books. Sakumi broods feverishly over the loss of her sister. She aches over the passing of time. She pours out poetic sadness and wallows listlessly in nostalgic memories. "The scent of my house came over the phone as I talked to my mother that night. It was a strong fragrance, something that would surely disappear once my mother was gone ..."

Some of her lines read like the agonising lyrics of a bad pop song. "Maybe at some point in time, on a certain date at a certain time, my memory will be lost forever, because I'll be dead or just crazy. I'm not exaggerating ... Whatever happens, happens, I don't really care. Even if I die. My life has been fun: I have no regrets. Actually, I have nothing, not a single thing to show for my days and months and years on this planet — no children, nothing, zilch. If I died right now, I'd just disappear from one side of me to the other." At other times, her tone veers from simple straightforward prose to the child-like naivety of a young girl's diary, picking over the sad bones of a devastatingly bumpy upbringing.

Japan's youth has come to crave Yoshimoto's cutely naive writings, which in their obsession with loss, their regression to childhood, their dreamworlds and androgynous fantasies, resemble Japan's very popular mass market Manga (cartoon comics) — compact, accessible, dangerously addictive but ultimately disposable fiction.

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Dr Susan Greenfield, a neuro-pharmacologist, is rightly admired as a popular communicator and *The Human Brain: A Guided Tour* will appeal as a Baedeker to the brain, even to the non-scientist.

Watching my grandchildren, I am struck again by the strange power that impels them to explore their world. How amazing that our DNA differs only one per cent from the chimpanzee but our brain power on maturity, measured by cortical area, is four times as great.

Dr Greenfield lightens her historical introduction with asides on the place of serendipity in brain research. How lucky it was that Camillo Golgi accidentally dropped a piece of brain into a nearby silver nitrate solution which stained the complex glory of brain cells and their connections black, so taking our understanding of brain anatomy a leap forward. Neuropharmacology currently holds a favoured position in brain research. There are a multiplicity of chemical transmitters, neuromodulators, growth factors and endorphins. Dr Greenfield explains how — in addiction — heroin, cocaine and ecstacy so easily mimic the brain's own arousal systems with such terrifying consequences.

At first she plays what I call the astronomical numbers game. We have a hundred billion brain cells, each with some hundred thousand connections. We are told the cortex alone would give a number of links that exceeds the number of positively charged particles in the Universe. After this it is easier to dispose of the brain-computer analogies, even if the Russian world chess champion Kasparov was recently beaten by a computer. Computers work to algorhythms, not commonsense. Niels Bohr made the point to a student he admonished: "You are not thinking, you are just being logical."

Humans need to react quickly to survive in the ever more complex, fast moving world. A lowly sea squid which has a primitive eye and brain when it swims about as a larva, "eats" its own eye and brain when as an adult it sticks itself to a rock.

A double "awakening" came when it was shown that l-dopa by mouth replaced missing dopamine in the centre of the brain of patients paralysed by Parkinson's Disease. This triumph was paralleled by the drug treatment of depression, ending the shameful era of assaults on the frontal lobes of the brain by surgeons: 35,000 leucotomies were done in the United States alone before this procedure was abandoned.

The clue to our brain's extraordinary effectiveness in making associations is its slow maturation. Dr Greenfield graphically describes how neurones fight a bloody battle to get links with other cells. The harsh rule of brain life is: "use it or lose it". A boy with one eye bandaged (for an eye infection) for two weeks in infancy never gained any connections between his brain and the normal retina and so was permanently blind in that eye as a result.

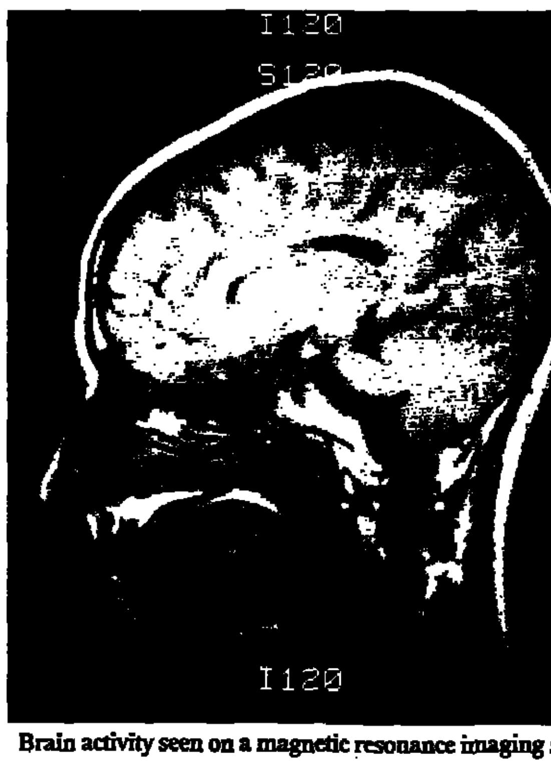
The good news is that even if some brain cells die with age, unless we get a brain disease like Alzheimer's the learning functions of the brain never end. The process of adapting to experience, namely memory, is an echo of the brain's early development. New synaptic contacts mainly involving the prefrontal cortex add to our stockpile of memories and prejudices.

Charles Sherrington, the British physiologist who was also a poet, in describing the brain had to resort to the image of "an enchanted loom", with nerve impulses like lighted shuttles passing to and fro, weaving complex patterns. So Dr Greenfield has to resort to the word "dialogue", meaning the way brain cells communicate. There is no single motor centre but all areas controlling motor function are in "incessant dialogue". There is no single central visual processing of form, motion and colour but all are in a form of "balanced dialogue", continuing simultaneously in different parts of the brain.

Memory, the cornerstone of the mind, also depends on an "ongoing dialogue" between cortical and sub-cortical structures. Recent short term memory is converted over months and years into permanent changes, probably requiring altered gene expression. Memory encapsulates the individual's inner resource for interpreting the world.

Using the Hughlings Jackson hierarchy of brain evolution, she closes with a discussion of the complexities of consciousness. Consciousness, Dr Greenfield asserts, is merely the accompaniment of ever increasing numbers of brain associations provided by the enriched environment we continually explore. This is as far as she explains this conundrum.

As a neurologist I am excited by the new techniques of functional imaging by positron emission tomography and magnetic resonance imaging, which give a detailed picture of brain activity. They are advancing our understanding with startling rapidity and will bring us much closer to unravelling riddles that have teased mankind since his first consciousness.



Brain activity seen on a magnetic resonance imaging scan

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Peter Ackroyd on the complex life and reputation of a writer too often despised for his craftsmanship and popular appeal

Escape from the institution of himself

W. S. Maugham, aged 17: embraced the sins of the city

When Somerset Maugham was shown the manuscript of Keats's *Endymion*, he was so overmastered by his emotion that he almost wept. He had been a medical student, too, and like Keats had imbued himself in the cadences and colours of the great writers; he had identified himself with the poet strongly enough to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Protestant cemetery of Rome. And yet how great a difference: Keats dying young and earnest and full of words, while the novelist lived until his nineties in an increasingly raddled and sour old age. At the end he resembled a turtle being boiled alive in a very expensive restaurant. But the real contrast lay in their writing: Keats produced works that will survive as long as the language itself, while Maugham has been consigned to that purgatorio of writers admired for their "craftsmanship" and popularity rather than any more distinguished characteristics.

That judgment may not be altogether fair and, in this memoir of the entire Maugham family, Bryan Connon suggests that he deserves the praise conferred upon him by writers as unlikely as Orwell and Auden. Certainly he is a "case" worth examination, both in the judicial and medical contexts which he knew so well. He was born within a family of lawyers and judges — his brother, "Freddie", eventually became Lord Chancellor — but a heavy stammer prevented him from having to pronounce the letters of the law. He became a writer instead, whose own fictions tend to judge those who harbour secret weaknesses or unwholesome appetites. Many times in his stories "Willie" Maugham put on the black cap, and delivered the sternest sentence upon his characters.

His mother died at the age of eight; he was taken from his first home, France, and brought up by snobbish relatives in England. Anyone who has read the life of Kipling will know that such a transition can create great wounded faculties of observation and feeling. He became a medical student at St Thomas' Hospital where, "enlivened by the anatomy course" as Connon puts it in his incisive way, Maugham discovered the slums of London as well as the more secret sins of the city. Already he seems to have been a practising homosexual: according to this account he travelled with a tube of petroleum jelly in his pocket and witnessed strange scenes in the darkened auditorium of the Tivoli.

But his ambitions were still of a literary nature, and he spent much of his time in a course of intensive reading. It is sometimes assumed that Maugham was a "light" author in the style of Coward or Benson, but in fact he was a most serious and dedicated young writer. There is a sense in which his later work is too serious and overtly moralistic: this, rather than any flippancy of tone, accounts for the occasional vulgarity of his style.

His professional experiences in the less fashionable areas of London led to his first novel, *Liza of Lambeth*, which remains one of the most interesting and least patronising accounts of cockney life in the late 19th century. But its modest success was not enough: he remained in obscurity for ten years, until he was rescued by the carbon lights of the stage. He was a natural playwright and he had the ability to maintain suspense and elegance at the same time. But his popularity incurred the enmity of those critics, on both sides of the Atlantic, who preferred their literature to be unreadable. He wrote some excellent novels — *The Razor's Edge* and *Of Human Bondage* among them — as well as some startlingly good short stories. But he was generally dismissed or disparaged as an entertainer rather than a writer. He pretended not to care, and sometimes asserted that art was a business rather than a profession, but his early devotion to literature had been cruelly rewarded.

SOMERSET MAUGHAM
AND THE MAUGHAM
DYNASTY
By Bryan Connon
Sinclair-Stevenson, £20
ISBN 1 85619 274 1

After the war he became an institution, principally by remaining away from home and writing very little. His years at the Villa Mauresque have become the stuff of myth, with Maugham as the monster, and in this garish landscape Connon's narrative fully comes to life. This is essentially a book of anecdote and gossip, suffused with a mordant if sometimes feline wit. It may be a work "with the emphasis on charm rather than scholarship", as Connon says of another book, but it is entertaining nevertheless.

Certainly Connon has a full and sometimes even overwhelming grasp of his subject's sexual predilections, and Maugham may even merit that deathless phrase coined for another eminent English writer, "a rose-red sissy, half as old as time". Connon is also right to emphasise the important role which Maugham's lovers played under the convenient title of "companion" or "secretary": they were often dismissed as cultural rent-boys but, outside the circle of their care, Maugham would probably have achieved very little.

This biographer is also concerned with the world around Maugham and, essentially, tries to reconstruct a family photograph with the writer at its centre. There are interesting chapters here on his brothers, and his nieces, but the subsidiary emphasis rests upon the perilous and unsteady career of Robin Maugham. The younger Maugham was a charming and kind-hearted, if somewhat feckless, raconteur whose talent for fiction was mainly reserved for the accounts of his own life. His exploits in the war inspired one contemporary to describe him as "one of the bravest men I will ever see". Yet, in the face of a famous legal father and even more famous literary uncle, he came to believe that he would always be a failure.

So *Somerset Maugham and the Maugham Dynasty* is the story of familial decay as well as personal disappointment and private anguish. In his last years Maugham did not recognise the names of his own books, and raved about demons trying to attack him. But the end is not so important as the beginning, and it is perhaps better to remember Maugham in an earlier guise. "On the whole," he wrote, "I have done what I set out to do, and the rest does not concern me."

The course of true love goes beyond biology

Roy Porter

finds the cannibal lust of the mantis can teach us only so much about ourselves

Swept away by nature or nurture? Clark Gable and Joan Crawford in *Possessed* (1931). From *Hurrell's Hollywood Portraits*, a collection of George Hurrell's glamour portraits, by Mark A. Vieira (Abrams, £29.95)

The sex lives of animals always bring out the voyeur in human beings — however familiar we've become with the female mantis munching through the head and thorax of the male, while his abdomen is still humping away, this primal scene of cannibalism still exercises an undying fascination. In *Why Is Sex Fun?*, Jared Diamond mainly zooms us into less familiar "bedrooms", especially those of birds, his speciality.

Take the Pied Flycatcher. Here the male makes a nest hole, woos a mate, impregnates her and, once the eggs hatch, brings her food — all very paternal and proper. But, while supposedly out hunting for food, he may well be setting up a secret nest on the side to provide for a second mate, just out out of the wife's sight.

Polygyny means extra work for Mr Pied Flycatcher, of course, and the other woman's chicks may well end up with fewer insects to eat. But overall, argues Diamond, it's a rational "reproductive strategy" for the male genes — the more offspring, the better the chances of maximising "genetic output". Here, and throughout the book, half the pleasure lies in the parallels we automatically draw with goings-on in human love-nests.

WHY IS SEX FUN?
The Evolution of
Human Sexuality
By Jared Diamond
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And that is Diamond's point. The "biological imperative" applies to humans no less than to all the other creatures Darwinian evolution has produced. However bizarre we may find the sex life of animals, we can't, as Sam Goldwyn put it, include ourselves out. Yet he also shows that human sexuality has evolved different strategies from those displayed by the vast majority of other creatures. Humans, for example, are sexually active at all times in the menstrual cycle, rather than only when the female is fertile and on heat; women undergo a menopause, rather than retaining a reproductive potential right up to death; and so forth.

Why such differences? It's not because humans have some God-given "superiority". Nor, indeed, are we completely unique: a few creatures share such traits. Whereas the females of most species advertise ovulation and hence sexual readiness — classically, the red patch on the female baboon's behind — in vervet monkeys there are no visible signs of ovulation and sex goes on all the time.

The reasons for round-the-month sex, Diamond insists, are not merely physiological but evolutionary. With vervets and humans alike, sex-all-the-time perhaps evolved to attract more males or to encourage a particular male to bond more durably with his mate. "Daddy-at-home" will then provide more lasting support for the offspring (infant primates are highly dependent) — thereby forming a logical reproductive strategy.

If this book's forte is to lay bare the Darwinian rationales for the joy of sex, there also lies its frustration. For Diamond never addresses the fact that human behaviour is radically different in a far more significant way. It is the product not just of instincts but of consciousness and choice — it is shaped by law and language, customs and culture. In sex, as in so much else, social conduct often runs clean counter to the dictates of natural selection. The sex lives most of us pursue don't remotely fulfil optimal selfish-gene strategies — otherwise: why contraception? Why homosexuality? Why voluntary childlessness? All these are fundamental questions to which Diamond turns a blind eye.

If his model of unrelenting biological imperatives is to hold water, Diamond would have to be able to explain why, as an affluent American professor, he hasn't sired dozens of children rather than the couple he here acknowledges (or has he got a dark secret?). The truth is that evolutionary biology alone explains human sexuality only so far as the laws of acoustics explain the *Eroica*.

Hence this book promises more than it delivers, like all the other sociobiological works which interpret human behaviour by analogies to rats and rabbits. Only an idiot would ignore the biological component in human sexuality; but the nub of the matter is to tease out the ties and tensions between the biological and the socio-cultural: and that is not attempted here.

Once or twice Diamond makes a gesture in that direction. Amongst the Tre-ba of Tibet, he notes, two brothers regularly share one wife. What's the explanation? It lies in the local system of land tenure. Tre-ba polyandry is a way to avoid further subdividing small landholdings. Here, and here alone, Diamond draws upon the rich anthropological insights that illuminate his other books like *Guns, Germs and Steel*, published earlier this year. For the rest we are bombarded with a lot of pseudo-scientific jargon of women "gauging their genetic interests" and so forth. When Diamond states that "the big questions about human sexuality are the evolutionary questions about ultimate causal explanation" he's simply wrong; the big questions are the meanings we give to sexuality within society. However entertaining, *Why is Sex Fun?* is marred by the blinkered neo-Darwinian reductionism now fashionable in the United States, a dogma which trivialises the question of questions.

Stuck gladly in the mud

Roy Strong

ANCIENT AS THE
HILLS
Diaries 1973-1974
By James Lees-Milne
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James Lees-Milne is in his 89th year, qualifying surely by now to be one of his own ancestral voices. He has been a cult figure within a certain circle for years, a cult which the publication of his earlier diaries had widened. He belongs to that fast-fading generation which still took it for granted that to be civilised, in terms of being widely read and informed, was an ongoing part of life.

We have replaced the word civilised with qualified, which is not at all the same thing, usually meaning a virtually useless degree from a minor university. In this new volume of his diaries we have, therefore, the privilege of once again sharing the responses of a man endowed with a supremely educated eye and ear able to respond as much to the architecture of a country house as to the novels of Walter Scott.

This volume covers years I remember only too vividly, 1973 and 1974, when social tension within the country mounted to new heights as the Heath Government crumbled in the face of the notorious miners' strike and those to the right shuddered at the seeming triumph of Labour and the demon Denis Healey. For the diarist and his ultra-Tory circle, revolution and civil war seemed impending. Loelia Lindsay sold the jewels she acquired as Duchess of Westminster and deposited the money in a Swiss bank "in case". "I see nothing but disaster ahead," he wrote on March 1 as Labour swept to power. The reality was that the International Monetary Fund was soon to be bailing the country out and the Labour Government was forced to pioneer the policies of Margaret Thatcher.

Here is a man of the Right, sympathetic, he admits, to Enoch Powell. Everywhere he looks he sees what he describes as "the present, hideous, squalid world we are living in". But surely it wasn't all that squalid? He and his wife, Alvilde, live in a gracious country house, Alderley Grange, moving by the close of the book to a house in Bath with a elegant home at Badminton in the offing. Domestic help is there, albeit that "all coloured people have to be watched over".

But the life he records is one long series of dinners, lunches, country house weekends and expeditions amidst a circle which goes back to the Thirties: the Sitwells, the Mitfords, the Droghedas, Diana Cooper and John Betjeman. This is a world of privilege and what he writes is clearly not his only source of income. He actually refers once to the absence of "peasants" in church.

Lees-Milne: old-school tie

Lees-Milne idolises aristocrats of long lineage, loathes seeing the monarchy through marriage becoming "common", hates the proletariat, pop music, the manners of the young, flared trousers and long hair along with all modern architecture and the rape of the countryside. A lapsed Roman Catholic, he only warms to the Church of England if cleric and service could have stepped out of Trollope.

What a shame that age has brought little joy from either the new or the young, both of which, I find, are sustaining forces. Yet one can't help having a soft spot for this unashamed arch-reactionary. He loves his country, its gardens, ancient towns and houses. His contribution to transmitting the love of that aristocratic culture to the meritocratic age is to be applauded.

The trouble is he wants to preserve the society that culture represented along with it. The portrait he vividly paints of the survivors of that era is often an unendearing one. But here is a born hypochondriac who adores his dogs, records and the wild flowers in the lane, mourns the loss of friends, garners gossip and is vulnerable over hostile reviews of his work. What could such a diary be other than a pleasurable read, a must for addicts, for others a glimpse into the attitudes of someone from another time, another country?

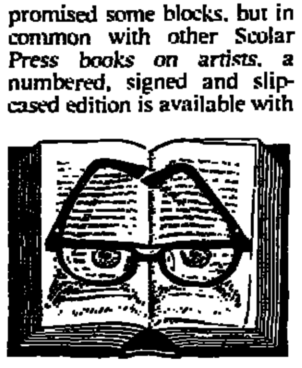
Swedish knees made weak

THE ANTIQUARIAN Booksellers Association fair at the end of June was an excellent chance to inspect out-of-reach treasures. I took along a friend who recently bought a slightly defective Shakespeare folio, and he was able to inspect four others in various states of imperfection — or, in the case of Simon Finch's Fourth Folio (1685, £25,000) near perfection. Finch also had one of the most moving of literary items: a 19th-century edition of the religious poet Henry Vaughan, presented and inscribed to the greatest Victorian religious poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, by his friend and eventual publisher Robert Bridges (£1,850).

This was the last fair at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Next year's will be at Olympia, where there will be more exhibitors and an extra day. The surroundings will be less plush, and further from Sotheby's and the West End trade, but the organiser, Peter Miller, hopes to attract dealers with more middle-market books and a wider clientele. At Olympia you can even celebrate a purchase with a drink for less than a fiver.

THERE is a monomania about Colin See-Paynton's wood-engravings, since most show birds and fish gliding or flashing past one another. Though aquatic rather than diagrammatic, he is a draftsman, like Escher, of intersecting planes. He uses different engraving tools to produce a variety of abstract patterns, which yet leave the perspective appropriately fluid. There is a tension throughout between nature and geometry, violence and calm, up and down.

The Incisive Eye is a catalogue raisonné of 16 years of See-Paynton's work. Offset litho printing and enlargement or reduction have compromised some blocks, but in common with other Scolar Press books on artists, a numbered, signed and slipcased edition is available with an original print on Japanese handmade paper (£45/£150).



BIBLIOMANE

ROOTING around in a bookshop the other day I discovered a collection of what the trade euphemistically calls *curiosa*, with those weirdly suggestive titles: *The Erotic Minorities: A Swedish View*; *Love in the South Seas*; *The Penny Spenders: One Man and his Operation*; *The Limerick: The Paris Edition*; *Love Affairs of the Vatican*. Sadly, there wasn't a copy of the fabled Victorian pamphlet *My Single-Handed Fight against Self-Abuse*.

The grim side was represented by *The History of Torture*, but more gruesome still were the ones printed on vile pink or blue papers (as has been the practice since the 18th century).

These reminded me of the gobsmacked morning I spent in the rare book room at Cambridge University Library, reading a late Victorian edition of the 17th-century Lord Rochester's play *Sodom*. Printed on bilious green stock, it was easily the filthiest book I have ever read. The idea of a performance would weaken even those Swedish knees. But as connoisseurs of poems such as *The Imperfect Enjoyment* will know, Rochester was a true poet. In celebration of his 350th birthday, a newly discovered *Burlesque* in Yale University Library has been published by Stephen Parkes, who observes that it represents "a very different tradition from the porn".

Meanwhile, I want to know about the man who sold his collection (and I think "man" is a safe assumption). What exactly did he say when he went into the bookshop?

OVERHEARD in Florence from a party of Australian schoolgirls: "Miss, what does 'donte' mean?" "'Dente'. Oh, that's teeth." "Really. Dente." "Oh, Dante? That's his name. He wrote *The Decameron*. No he didn't, that was Petrarch."

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Bargains of the week: the Maldives for a fortnight, free Hoverspeed crossings, Beijing and back for £359

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■ FRENCH ALPINE holidays are available at a 10 per cent discount departing Sunday July 13 and Sunday July 20 with Sun Esprit. A week at Les Gourmets pension now costs £298 an adult (children half-price) and includes ferry crossings, some meals, organised children's activities and babysitting. Details: 01252 616789.

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■ STENA Line has introduced a new ferry on its Fishguard to Rosslare route that can carry 2,100 passengers, with four restaurants and two cinemas. Fares to mark the ship's debut start at £158 return for a car and five adults. Details: 0990 707070.

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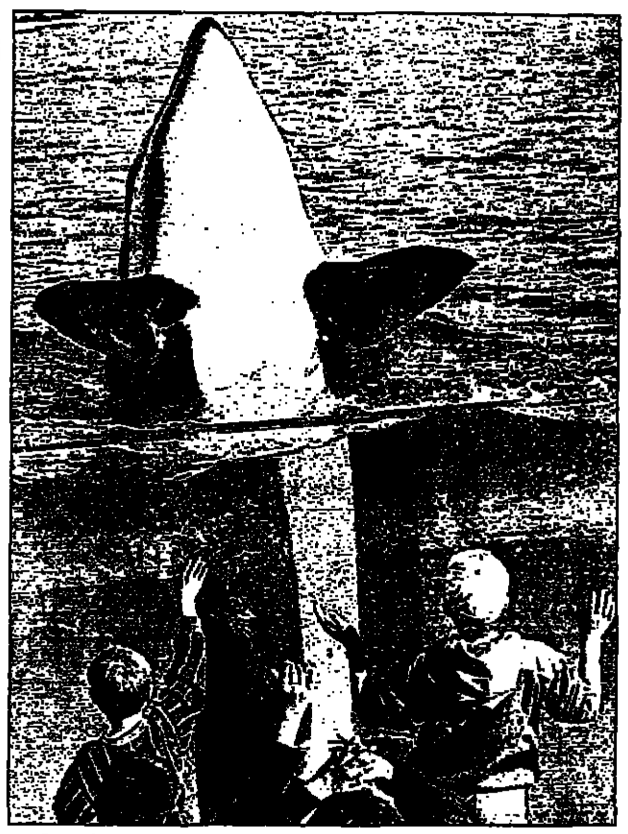

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RIO de Janeiro for £518 return from Gatwick is available to students and under-26s from Campus Travel provided bookings are made by August 14, for flights before October 31. Details: 0171-730 8111

■ KLM flights to Beijing (with departures possible from 20 UK regional airports) cost £359 return. Details from Flightbookers: 0171-757 2444.

■ BRITISH Airways has launched a new round-the-world fare with American Airlines, Qantas and Canadian which is priced from £973. Details: 0345 222111.

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■ SUMMIT International Hotels has special summer rates — up to 60 per cent off — at 52 city hotels under its Summer Exclusives programme. Minimum stay two nights. Details: 0800 556555.

■ THE Montcalm Hotel at Marble Arch has a summer dining promotion until the end of August of two courses at lunch or dinner for £15 a person, including a half bottle of wine and coffee. Details: 0171-402 4288.

■ DUBLIN'S newest luxury hotel, the Merrion, opens next month with a special weekend offer of IR£360 (£409) for two people for two nights. Price includes a welcome bottle of champagne on arrival. Details: 003531 6030600.

■ GUESTS staying at the Gleneagles Hotel during the Edinburgh Festival (August 10 to 30) will be taken to and from the festival in a chauffeur-driven car. Details: 0800 704705.

■ A SUNDAY golf break at the Five Lakes Hotel and Country Club near Maldon in Essex costs £49.50 a person, including Sunday afternoon golf, dinner and accommodation. Details: 01621 868888.

■ TYLNEY HALL near Hook in Hampshire offers a summer rate of £169 a room a night for bed, breakfast and dinner. Guests staying for three nights get the third night at a special rate of £84.50. Details: 01256 764 881.

■ THE Swallow Hotel in Birmingham is offering a package to see *Les Misérables* at Birmingham Hippodrome until the end of September. Two nights, dinner and theatre ticket cost from £185 a person. Details: 0121 452 1144.

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Prescott orders Thames revival

By Harvey Elliott

PLANS to turn the Thames into one of Europe's busiest rivers are to be put to the Government within the next three months. A new organisation, Thames 2000, made up of local authorities and private businesses, has been instructed to produce by October a report setting out workable ideas for ways of using the Thames to its full advantage in time for the millennium celebrations.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, is to lead the campaign, which will include building new pierheads on both banks of the river, to be serviced regularly by a fleet of fast river buses.

Previous river bus services have failed through lack of cash and customers. The strong tidal flow in the Thames also can create problems for operators attempting to run regular trips.

However, the Government is confident these difficulties can be overcome. Mr Prescott says: "I want to make the millennium the turning point for the revitalisation of the Thames, which will deliver a genuine legacy for Londoners, boost our tourist industry and bring new life to the river.

"Throughout central London there is a run of riverside visitor attractions, all of which are, or could be, served by pier. Already, there is growing interest in the river. New visitor attractions and facilities are opening up from Battersea to Butler's Wharf."

Jeremy Fraser, the Cross River Partnership chairman, says: "The Deputy Prime Minister's initiative is the best opportunity in a generation to get an integrated river transport system on the Thames."

The East End of London is becoming one of Britain's most appealing — and money-spinning — international tourist attractions. Tourism groups say more hotels are needed to accommodate the increasing number of visitors wanting to discover its delights, from Victorian back streets to the Hackney Empire variety theatre. Planning consent has been granted for four hotels in the London Docklands, including a luxury hotel at Canary Wharf, but more are needed, says TourEast London — a partnership of 22 private and public organisations set up to promote tourism in the area.

The organisation says at least three million tourists — half from overseas and half under the age of 35 — injected more than £26 million into the local economy last year.

Trisha O'Reilly, of TourEast London, says: "We are finding that tourists, particularly those who have already been to London, who want to scratch beneath the surface of the capital and discover something new, are going east." Sunny Crouch, TourEast London's chairman, adds: "Tourism is good news for the people of East London."

Rivals keep the show going

Tony Dawe on how the strike-hit airline is trying to get passengers to their destination

TRAVEL AGENTS, British Airways' rivals and the airline's reservations staff were working flat out yesterday to keep passengers flying as cabin crew began a three-day strike. The message from all of them was that most travellers booked on the 145 flights cancelled yesterday were reaching their destinations after some delays and diversions but that the strike could soon cause graver problems.

Their advice to passengers booked directly with the airline is to keep in touch with its telephone hotline and other emergency information networks and for others to keep in regular contact with their travel agents.

They said that though the strike ends officially on Saturday at 6am there would be a knock-on effect over the weekend.

The worst problems yesterday affected flights to and from Heathrow; all domestic services were cancelled and many European and long-haul flights were also affected. Nine long-haul services from Gatwick were cancelled.

Kate Aldridge of Going Places, a leading high street travel agent, said: "The best advice we can give passengers is to keep close to their travel agent or British Airways. We can keep them posted as the situation changes and arrange to switch them to other carriers if their flight is cancelled or to offer a full refund if the alternative is unacceptable. Those clients planning to travel with BA over the weekend should also contact us."

A spokeswoman for Thomas Cook said that the agency had used its database to call up details of all customers booked on BA during the strike, inform them of the dispute and make other arrangements where necessary.

"People travelling to the Caribbean, for example, have had to transfer to flights that go via Miami," she said, "but only three bookings have been switched to tomorrow. Those affected have been offered overnight accommodation at our expense. Only two people have cancelled their journeys, and they have received full refunds."

The potential chaos has been averted by rival airlines, including American Airlines and Air Canada, putting on extra flights and by others, among them Lufthansa and Swissair, increasing their capacity. British Midland expected to carry a record 22,000 passengers yesterday and had increased capacity at Heathrow.

Travel agents say, however, that as the peak holiday season approaches, this extra capacity will not be available if the strike is repeated.

BA also put larger aircraft on some European flights that did operate and consolidated long-haul services so that, for example, passengers booked on the Seattle flight that was cancelled were re-routed via Los Angeles. The airline also booked seats on Eurostar services to Paris and Brussels and staff met passengers at Waterloo to exchange flight bookings for rail tickets. Train tickets were also offered because of cancelled domestic flights and the airline arranged for those losing out on Channel Islands flights to be taken by coach to Portsmouth ferries.

Air London International, which arranges small charter planes, reported two bookings within an hour as the strike began to take effect. For those desperate to avoid cancelling meetings, the company can offer everything from an air taxi for seven to Edinburgh and back for £2,800 to a Citation jet, also with seven seats, to and from Copenhagen for £5,400.

Most BA passengers will just have to hope, however, that their flights escape disruption. For the latest information, they should either:

- Phone the hotline on 0800 727800: Check ITV Teletext page 380 or
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PETER FOSTER

Howzat? Players appeal for a wicket during a cricket match in the grounds of the Château des Ormes in Brittany

French cricket a big hit

Peter Foster finds a very English influence in the heart of France

CRICKET, that quintessentially English pastime, has found an unlikely home in the grounds of a 16th-century French château.

Yvonnick de la Chesnais, whose family have owned the Château des Ormes in Brittany since shortly after the Revolution, has introduced the game at the behest of the local expatriate community.

The cricket ground, built at a cost of about Fr250,000 (about £25,000) on M de la Chesnais's back lawn, is part of the Domaine des Ormes leisure complex which includes a championship-length golf course, a three-star hotel and swimming pool.

M de la Chesnais opened the grounds of the château as a campsite 21 years ago and it has become a popular destination for family holidays through Eurocamp. Every weekend the fledgeling Cricket Club des Ormes takes on local opposition and touring sides, while baffled Frenchmen drink wine on the boundary.

Leslie Pullen, an MCC member and former businessman who moved to Brittany three years ago, started the club after developing severe cricket withdrawal symptoms. Mr Pullen, who played for Addiscombe Cricket Club in Croydon, says someone suggested that a cricket club would help M de la Chesnais to attract business to the hotel.

"We've never looked back," he says. "The only person who was not too delighted was my wife. When we came to France she thought she had finally escaped the game."

The club plays on an artificial wicket and the ground is in a picturesque setting, with trees and a lake, to rival any of the great English country house grounds. The team have entertained local sides including Château Thoiry and Saumur, for whom Mick Jagger is often found bowling his off-spinners.

The château took advice on the ground from Derek Underwood, the former Kent and England left-arm spinner, who is also patron of the club. This month he and Pat Pocock, another former England spinner, will bring an Invitation XI to play the Club des Ormes.

The average des Ormes teamsheet reads like a roll call for the Foreign Legion. The team includes a Pole, a South African, a Frenchman and several Englishmen.

One player, Jurek Riegl, a Pole who learnt cricket in what was then Southern Rhodesia, drives 100 miles most weekends from Nantes, where he teaches English: "It is a long journey but I have been dreaming of playing cricket ever since I moved to France. Now at last we have the chance," he says.

The Cricket Club des Ormes is not content to be the mere folly of a French aristocrat. There are plans to build a traditional English pavilion and to introduce French children to the MCC's very popular Kwik Cricket. Although this does not quite amount to a youth policy, home-grown French talent may yet grace the cricket field of the Château des Ormes.

After high fashion, low rates

By Robin Young

FINDING hotel rooms in Paris this week during the *haute couture* shows is like metal-detecting in a haystack, but there will be no shortage later this month, or in August. Even the grand palaces are running offers, cutting their prices for the coming weeks to the rate that one would normally expect in establishments with two stars fewer in the *notation nationale*.

The George V, for example, on the eponymous avenue just off the Champs-Elysées in the heart of the city's "golden triangle", has recently opened bookings for its "summer passport" rates, which show more than 40 per cent off normal prices. A single drops from Fr2,500 (about £250) to Fr1,600, a double from Fr2,900 to Fr1,800 and a junior suite from Fr3,900 to Fr2,800.

The rates include VAT and service, and an upgrade to a superior-category room will cost only Fr200 per person.

What's more, the summer offer includes a 10 per cent reduction at shops such as Charles Jourdan, Gianfranco Ferré, Kenzo and Smalto.

At the Crillon, on the Place de la Concorde, single rooms are reduced from Fr2,900 to Fr2,550 and doubles from Fr3,500 to Fr3,200. There is also a 10 per cent reduction from normal summer prices on most suites.

A ring round other top Paris hotels showed no shortage of accommodation from July 18 until the end of August. And even if hotels are not quoting reduced room rates promotionally, it is worth asking reservation clerks whether any bargains are available — you could find there is an instant reduction.

BA is plunging towards disaster

Few civil aircraft crash because of a single problem. Many experts insist that none has ever been brought down by one event.

As the painstaking research of crash investigators has shown repeatedly, even if there is a large and obvious mechanical defect, one problem is not enough to send a modern aircraft plunging to disaster. Several factors must combine.

Today British Airways is plunging to disaster. The strike by cabin crew is the result of a complex chain of events, all of which should have been avoided.

When the strike ends, the damage caused to the airline will take months, possibly years, to repair. To keep the healing time to a minimum and to prevent a repeat, someone must look in detail at what went wrong on both sides — and both sides must listen.

> 'Damage caused to the airline will take months to repair'

Despite the upset and inconvenience that the strikes are causing, the sympathy of most passengers is with the cabin crew. They are not typical Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) strikers. The men tend to be gentle, the women attentive and all-smiling. Their job is repetitive and difficult, with long hours and a permanent need to look happy, even when they feel jet-lagged. They are not particularly well paid and the work is no longer considered glamorous.

The facts, however, are stacked in BA's favour. The airline has given a guarantee that no one will lose money under the proposed pay restructuring programme. For many staff, the switch from allowances to basic pay will bring salary rises of up to 24 per cent and improve their pension and bonus schemes.

The deal has been accepted by about a quarter of the 12,000 cabin crew who belong to another union. The vast majority of BA's 50,000 staff have accepted inferior offers. So why are they on strike?

As someone once said: "Prejudice is a good time-saver. It enables you to reach a conclusion without considering the facts." This is why so many of these kind, good folk ignored the facts, refused to believe the figures and followed the TGWU to the picket lines. They are no longer listening.

During the past few years, BA, like many companies in Britain, has appointed middle and senior managers who fear for their jobs. To get on, they believe, they must show they are tough. I have heard these "performance managers" brusquely warning vacillating staff that if they follow their union and refuse to work, they will "face the consequences". This has irked the cabin crew far more than the dispute over pay and conditions. They no longer feel part of a team and believe they are being bullied.

This has become fertile ground for union leaders. The British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa) — the TGWU's airline offshoot — is in turmoil, its main branch secretary, a steward, having been sacked over an alleged assault on a rival. The moderate Cabin Crew '89 union has been nibbling away at its membership and Bassa is determined to show it is as tough as management. It is silly, it is petty — but it is human nature.

If BA wants to ensure that militant unions do not bring down the airline, it must ensure that its staff are made to feel part of a team that is working with it — not cursing it.

You do not have to be a bully to be a good boss.

TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

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Britannia sprouts German offshoot

By Harvey Elliott

GERMAN tourists will be able to fly direct to the sun on British jets this autumn after the setting-up of a German subsidiary of Britain's biggest charter airline.

Britannia Airways, which is now recruiting 200 cabin staff in Germany for the new airline, claims it will undercut existing German airlines by at least 25 per cent.

Two Boeing 767 long-range aircraft, carrying the familiar red, white and blue colours and with the Britannia emblem on the tail, will fly to destinations popular with Germans such as Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Under new European aviation laws any airline can fly any route within the Community. But when Britannia offered flights to the Dominican Republic from Germany last year it was barred from boarding passengers at Frankfurt airport as German airlines campaigned to stop it operating.

Eventually Britannia won a legal action but was told that because the flight destinations were outside Europe it would have to land in Britain first.

Now it has decided to create a German-owned airline — Britannia Airways GmbH. It has signed a long-term contract with FTI, Germany's fastest-growing tour operator, and will fly direct to the Caribbean and South America — provided applications for a licence are granted.

Roger Burnell, managing director of Britannia, says that British charter carriers are far more efficient than German airlines and can offer higher standards of service.

"German holidaymakers are becoming increasingly price sensitive but they also quite rightly expect high standards of operational performance, reliability and service," he said. "Britannia Airways GmbH will be modelled on our UK operation."

- The Dutch airline KLM has taken full control of Air UK, buying up the remaining 55 per cent of the British airline.

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The last great Expo of the century

By Tony Dawe

TRAVEL companies are finalising plans to take British tourists to the last great world exhibition of the 20th century, which will open its doors on a redeveloped docklands site in Lisbon next May.

Cresta Holidays, Crystal Holidays and a new player, Extra Holidays, will offer tickets to Expo 98 as part of city-break packages to the Portuguese capital while other operators will combine the exhibition with golfing trips and beach holidays.

Organisers of the event, with the theme "The Oceans: The Heritage of the Future", hopes to attract 8.5 million visitors over four months. It is one of the most ambitious projects mounted by the Portuguese since the voyages of discovery 500 years ago, which the Expo will celebrate.

An oceanarium with Europe's largest tank and four smaller ones will be the central attraction. The organisers plan a grand morning parade through the grounds, a laser show in the evening and street theatre throughout the day.

The UK will be among a record 135 countries and organisations staging exhibitions in two international pavilions. Another pavilion will take visitors on a multimedia voyage to the future.

Expo 98: an oceanarium will be the central attraction

"We shall be featuring the exhibition in next year's brochure and believe it will provide a strong reason for people planning to visit the city to stay an extra night," says Jane Williams, Cresta's marketing manager.

"Expo is also having a knock-on effect with a huge reconstruction programme taking place in the city, including improvements to the road and metro network and repairs to historic buildings."

Philip Gill, managing director of Extra Holidays, says: "We will be building Expo into packages to the city and to the resorts around it and offering tickets to the event, either for one or three days or just to see an evening's entertainment."

Tourists planning to visit the city will have an additional choice of travel. AB Airlines, run by Brian Beal, a former Brymon Airways director, and financed by City investors, has started twice-daily services between Gatwick and Lisbon.

The airline is undercutting BA and Air Portugal by offering £114 return fares for visits including a Saturday night and £399 business class returns. Extra Holidays has taken advantage of the fares to offer two-night breaks to the city for £149 a person.

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Duty to maintain highway not absolute

Cross v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Millett and Sir Ralph Gibson

[Judgment June 27]

The duty to maintain the highway, imposed on the local authority by section 41 of the Highways Act 1980, was not a duty to keep the highway at all times entirely clear of surface water, snow and ice. The duty to maintain was limited to taking reasonable steps to prevent the formation of ice, or to deal with the ice promptly after it did form to keep the surface reasonably safe.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the defendant, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, from the decision of Judge Walker sitting in Dewsbury County Court on December 13, 1996 whereby he gave judgment for the plaintiff, Emma Cross, and awarded her damages of £9,325 in her action against the council.

The plaintiff had slipped and fallen thereby sustaining injury on an icy pavement in Dewsbury. The judge found that the council, as highway authority, was liable for breach of its duty under section 41 of the 1980 Act to maintain the highway.

Section 41 provides: "(1) The authority who are for the time being the highway authority for a highway maintainable at public expense are under a duty ... to maintain the highway.

Mr Hugh M. Davies for the council; Mr Timothy Hartley for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the issue whether the council was in breach of duty under section 41 depended on the meaning of "maintain". Was the council under an absolute duty to maintain the pavement ice-free at all times, in which case, subject to the statutory defence, the duty was broken?

Or was the duty qualified in some way, so that it was limited, for example, to taking reasonable steps to prevent the formation of ice, or to deal with the ice promptly after it did form? If there was any such qualification, what further facts beyond the mere presence of ice must the plaintiff prove to establish a breach of duty, subject always to the statutory defence? And if the duty was so qualified, why was the defence expressed in the way that it was in section 58?

His Lordship noted first that the council's duty under section 41 was simply to "maintain the highway". There was no express reference to safety or to the absence of danger.

But the cause of action which arose when the duty was broken required proof of injury caused by the failure to maintain, and the risk of injury must have been foreseeable by the council. So for the purposes of civil liability the duty was to maintain the highway so as to exclude the foreseeable risk of injury resulting from its use.

The majority judgments in *Haydon v Kent County Council* ([1978] 1 QB 343) recognised that "maintain" might have a wider meaning than the common law obligation to "repair" and "keep in repair". Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had expressed the contrary view, both by reference to the legislative history and as a matter of statutory interpretation.

His Lordship agreed with the majority but doubted whether the practical difference between the two views was as great as might be supposed.

That did not mean, however, that the mere presence of water on the road surface, whether after heavy rainfall or as the result of some other form of flooding, indicated that the highway had not been properly maintained or kept in good repair. No one suggested that it did.

Something more had to be proved for a breach of duty to be established, and that would normally mean that the construction of the road was inadequate to deal with a known risk of dangerous conditions which flooding might create.

Snow and ice presented a different problem. They affected the surface of the highway and created a foreseeable risk of injury, but they could not be prevented or guarded against by the proper design and construction of the road, as flooding was by the construction of drains.

They required preventive or ameliorative measures such as gritting and sanding, which could be described as maintenance but not as keeping the road in good repair.

Again, his Lordship agreed with the majority judgments in *Haydon* that the duty to maintain the highway did include maintenance of that kind. Heavy snow and also, perhaps, extensive ice could be said to obstruct the highway for the purposes of section 150 of the 1980 Act, but it was not easy to say that snow or ice which did not prevent or restrict use of the highway, even though rendering passage along it more risky, was an obstruction of that sort. Like surface water, however, the mere presence of snow and ice did not establish a breach of the duty to maintain.

Thus, although the duty to maintain was absolute, rather than a duty to take reasonable care to maintain, it was not a duty to keep the highway at all times entirely clear of surface water, snow and ice. As regarded flooding, the nature of the duty was established by the judgment in *Burnside v Emerson* ([1968] 1 WLR 1490).

It was to construct a proper drainage system and to maintain the system in operation. The highway authority's performance could only be measured by reasonable standards.

To that extent, a concept of reasonableness applied, but that was not to say that the duty was limited to taking reasonable care. There was an absolute duty to achieve a certain result, even though reasonable standards applied in establishing what the result must be.

As regarded snow and ice, and apart from the special case where ice was due to excessive surface water which should not have been allowed to accumulate, in his Lordship's judgment a similar concept applied. The duty to maintain included taking preventive or clearance measures which were sufficient to keep the surface reasonably safe.

That meant (a) what measures were sufficient would depend in part on what use of the highway could be anticipated, and by whom; and (b) that if no or insufficient measures were taken within a reasonable time, and injury was caused thereby, then the plaintiff might establish at least a prima facie breach of duty under section 41. The authority could then rely, if it chose to do so, on the statutory defence under section 58.

That analysis did not, in his Lordship's judgment, have the effect of reversing the statutory burden of proof, as Mr Justice Boreham in *Bartlett v Department of Transport* ((1984) 83 LGR 579) feared that it might. Nor did it mean that the duty ceased to be absolute, for the reasons given above.

Moreover, there was no contradiction, in his Lordship's judgment, between asserting a duty to achieve a certain result, and yet allowing a reasonable time for that result to be achieved.

Parallels might be drawn in that respect with the Factory Act cases referred to by Lord Justice Goff in *Haydon* and with the continuing warranty of seaworthiness which a shipowner might give under a time charterparty. Even though the warranty was absolute, in the event of a breakdown the shipowner might have a reasonable time within which to restore the vessel to her seaworthy state.

But the parallels need not be exact, because the council was liable for a statutory tort, and in his Lordship's judgment it was abundantly clear that the liability created by section 41 was to that effect.

The matter might be tested in the following way: suddenly and without warning the road ceased to be in good repair, perhaps because unforeseeable subsidence occurred. The highway authority must repair the damage within a reasonable time, and if the need was urgent then the period could be very short.

In his Lordship's view, there would not be an immediate breach of section 41, at the moment when the damage occurred and before remedial or preventive action could be carried out. The majority view in *Haydon* supported the practical application of section 41 in the way his Lordship had suggested.

In the present case, the judge erred in asking in relation to liability under section 41 a general question which effectively was equivalent to asking whether the council was negligent, or not. The correct and more limited question was: did the evidence establish that sufficient time had elapsed to make it prima facie unreasonable for the authority to have failed to take remedial measures?

It seemed to his Lordship that only one answer was possible: it could not be said that it was prima facie unreasonable of the council not to have taken remedial or preventive measures before the plaintiff suffered her unfortunate accident at the time when she did.

Lord Justice Millett and Sir Ralph Gibson delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Hammond Suddards, Leeds; Winnard & Colquhoun, Dewsbury.

Local authority power to supply goods

Regina v Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation, Ex parte British Educational Suppliers Association

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment June 16]

It was lawful for a local authority, proposing to supply goods or materials to a public body under section 1(1)(a) of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, to acquire and store such goods for their onward supply to the public body without having a pre-existing agreement for sale. However, it was not lawful for the authority to provide procurement services for their customers for a commission.

The Court of Appeal so stated, inter alia, allowing, in part, an appeal by the applicants, British Educational Suppliers Association, from the decision of Mr Justice Owen ((1997) 95 LGR 413). The judge had dismissed their application for an order for madamus compelling the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) to cease trading activities in educational goods and services.

The applicants were a trade association representing the interests of private sector companies supplying products to educational institutions. YPO, a joint committee of local authorities formed in 1976 under section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, carried on a huge mail order business supplying educational products.

Section 1 of the 1970 Act provides: "(1) ... a local authority and any public body within the meaning of this section may enter into an agreement for all or any of the following purposes ... (a) the supply by the authority to the body of any goods or materials; (b) the provision by the authority for the body of any administrative, professional or technical services; ... and a local authority may purchase and store any goods or materials which in their opinion they may require for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(3) Any agreement made in prusuance of subsection (1) ... may contain such terms as to payment or otherwise as the parties consider appropriate."

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for the applicants; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Charles Bear for YPO.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that section 1(4) defined "local authority" to include a "joint committee". YPO, a joint committee, consisted originally of nine and now of 12 local authorities and five associate members.

Section 1(4) also defined "public body" to include any "local authority" and provision was also made for adding to the list of qualifying bodies by order made by statutory instrument.

YPO developed over the years to the extent that in 1994 they were holding over 12,000 product lines in stock; employing 373 full-time staff and operating in 31 local authority areas apart from those of their members.

They engaged widely in marketing campaigns and their 1994 turnover was £151 million consisting of £66 million direct sales, about one-third of which were made to non-YPO members, and £85 million contractual call-off sales, the bulk to non-members. "Contractual call-off sales" were sales made by third-party suppliers to public bodies introduced to the suppliers by YPO on which YPO were paid a commission.

It was common ground that local authorities were creatures of statute and could only do such things as were expressly or impliedly authorised by Parliament. Their functions did not include acting as general trading entities. Whether or not YPO's business was lawful must, therefore, be determined by the proper construction and application of the 1970 Act.

It was the applicant's central case that a local authority proposing to supply goods or materials to a public body under section 1(1)(a) of the 1970 Act could not themselves acquire and store such goods unless and until they had a firm contractual commitment for their onward supply to the public body. A local authority like YPO could not, it was submitted, stock up with goods and then attempt to market and sell them; they must have a pre-existing agreement for sale. Speculative trading remained forbidden.

In his Lordship's judgment, that was an impossible argument. Both sides agreed that the primary intention of section 1(1)(a) was to enable local authorities and other public bodies to benefit from bulk buying and resultant economies of scale.

But, to his Lordship's mind, that was best achieved if the purchasing authority were free to go out into the market place to buy in such quantities and at such times as sound business sense dictated, unconstrained by the limitations which could be imposed if they could buy only to satisfy already established requirements. Apart from that, the words at the end of section 1(1) seemed to his Lordship to be decisive of the point. On the applicant's argument, there could be no possible object in giving local authorities express power to purchase and store goods "which in their opinion they may require" for onward supply.

If there had first to be a pre-existing contract of supply, the authority would already know precisely what goods and materials they required. His Lordship would resolve the issue in favour of YPO as the judge did below.

The applicant also challenged YPO's entitlement to profit from contractual call-off sales as being outwith their powers under the 1970 Act.

Mr Goudie argued that under the system operated, YPO were to be regarded as providing procurement services for their customers, those being administrative services within the meaning of section 1(1)(b). The system, he submitted, involved a tripartite arrangement between YPO, the supplier and the customer.

He stressed in particular YPO'S continuing responsibility for monitoring the prices, the quality of the product and service, and for handling any queries or disputes which might arise during the term of the arrangement.

His Lordship could not accept those submissions. He could not find in the overall arrangements made by YPO any agreement between them and the customer for them to provide the procurement service for the customer.

Still less could his Lordship regard the agreement between YPO and the supplier for a commission as a "term as to payment" within a service provision agreement as provided for by section 1(3) of the 1970 Act.

Perhaps that aspect of YPO's business could be contractually restructured to bring them within the permissible scope of the 1970 Act. Meanwhile, however, his Lordship regarded it to be plainly unlawful.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice McCullough agreed.

Solicitors: S. J. Berwin & Co; Sharpe Pritchard.

Absence of assessment not sufficient to justify extension

Chief Adjudication Officer v Patterson
Same v Dickinson

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Schiemann

[Judgment June 11]

The absence of a disablement assessment did not of itself constitute good cause within the meaning of regulation 19(2) of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1968) for failure to claim reduced earnings allowance so as to warrant extension of the period for which the allowance might be awarded to a claimant.

The Court of Appeal so held when unanimously allowing appeals by the Chief Adjudication Officer from decisions of Mr Commissioner Rice, Social Security Commissioner, on May 22, 1996 in respect of the claimant, Jeffrey Patterson, and on June 3, 1996 in respect of the claimant, Kenneth Dickinson, allowing the claimants' appeals from refusals by social security tribunals to backdate claims for reduced earnings allowance.

Paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the 1987 Regulations provides that the prescribed time for claiming reduced earnings allowance from is:

"As regards any day on which apart from satisfying the conditions that there is an assessment of disablement of not less than one per cent and the making of a claim, the claimant is entitled to the allowance, that day and the period of three months immediately following it."

Miss Nathalie Lieven for the Chief Adjudication Officer; Mr Ian Wise for Mr Patterson; Mr Michael Shrimpton, assigned by the Bar Pro Bono Unit, for Mr Dickinson.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that both cases raised the same point on the construction of regulation 19, namely, whether the commissioner was correct to find that each complainant automatically had good cause for not claiming reduced earnings allowance before the date that he was assessed by the adjudicating medical authority as being disabled.

Miss Lieven submitted that the ordinary scheme of the legislation was that a claimant who believed he was entitled to a benefit made a claim. He would then be assessed, in the case of a disablement question, by the adjudicating medical officer or on appeal by a medical appeal tribunal.

The effect of paragraph 5 of Schedule 4, she submitted, was that as soon as a person believed he had suffered an industrial injury, which included a prescribed disease, and might be entitled to a disablement pension, or would be if such a pension were payable where disablement was assessed at no less than one per cent, as a result of the relevant loss of faculty he was incapable, and likely to remain permanently incapable, of following his regular employment and was incapable of following employment of an equivalent standard which was suitable in his case, he should make a claim and he had a further three months from that date.

From at least April 1, 1985 Mr Patterson suffered from vibration white finger. He made a claim for disablement benefit on February 11, 1992. On October 15 the Department of Social Security sent him a form for reduced earnings allowance.

In June 1993 he was examined by the adjudicating medical authority and was notified that he had been assessed at 8 per cent disability. In July 1993 he claimed reduced earnings allowance. In October 1993 the medical appeal tribunal increased the assessment to 20 per cent disability.

The social security tribunal upheld the adjudication officer's decision that Mr Patterson was not entitled to backdate his claim beyond three months prior to the date of his claim and did not accept that the absence of a firm diagnosis or assessment for the prescribed disease amounted to good cause. The commissioner allowed Mr Patterson's appeal.

Mr Dickinson started seeing his general practitioner in 1985 about a problem with his nose and breathing. In June 1993 the adjudicating medical authority assessed Mr Dickinson as 5 per cent disabled for life as from January 1990.

In March 1994 the adjudication officer found Mr Dickinson was not entitled to reduced earnings allowance from August 1985 to June 1992. The appeal tribunal dismissed Mr Dickinson's appeal.

His Lordship said that there was no attempt by the Social Security Commissioner to explain how he was satisfied that there was good cause other than his reasoning that, until an assessment was made, the claimant was not in a position to make a claim.

In his Lordship's judgment, the commissioner was plainly in error. Good cause could not automatically exist simply because the relevant assessment of disablement had not yet been made.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that regulation 19 imposed time limits in relation to a number of different benefits and permitted those limits to be exceeded where the claimant proved that there was good cause in effect for exceeding them.

It would be inconsistent with the structure of that regulation if the lack of a feature or condition common to all claims for a benefit were of itself capable of amounting to good cause. If that were so the good cause would not be a reason specific to that claimant for exceeding the limit.

Lord Justice Schiemann agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Solicitor, DSS; Fanshaw Porter & Hazlehurst, Birkenhead.

No polygamous widow is entitled to allowance

Bibi v Chief Adjudication Officer and Another

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment June 25]

Where a man who had paid national insurance contributions died having married polygamously no wife was entitled to a widowed mother's allowance.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal brought by Fuljan Bibi against the refusal by the Social Security Appeal Tribunal on April 19, 1994 of her application.

Mr Ramby De Mello and Mr Leon Daniels for the applicant; Mr Richard Drabble, QC, for the Chief Adjudication Officer and the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that the issue was whether the first wife in a polygamous marriage was entitled to a widowed mother's allowance under section 25 of the Social Security Act 1975, now section 37 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefit Act 1992, and the Social Security and Family Allowances (Polygamous Marriage) Regulations (SI 1975 No 561).

Mr Suab Ali was born in Bangladesh and lived there until he arrived in the United Kingdom in 1958 where he found work and remained substantially in employment for many years thereafter. In September 1961 he registered as a British citizen.

In 1966 he married his first wife in Bangladesh, according to local law and that was therefore a potentially polygamous marriage. In 1969 he married his second wife. Both his wives remained in Bangladesh until 1986 when his first wife settled in the UK with him and their children. Mr Suab Ali died in 1988 and his first wife applied for widowed mother's allowance.

Mr De Mello submitted that section 25 of the 1975 Act was wide enough to mean that in the case of a polygamous marriage, each of the wives would be the widow of the deceased and each was entitled to the widowed mother's allowance or at least a share of it.

In his Lordship's judgment, widowhood was dependent upon a marriage existing at the time of the husband's death. The issue was whether or not that had to be a valid marriage recognised in law. The meaning had to depend on the statute concerned. His Lordship was entirely persuaded by the reasoning of Lord Justice Salmon in *Iman Din v National Assistance Board* ([1967] 2 QB 213 that section 25 was to be confined to the widow in a monogamous marriage.

That was made abundantly plain by the steps taken by the legislature to alleviate the hardship that would arise where there was a potentially polygamous marriage but was in fact no second wife. Various steps had been taken over the decades culminating in the 1975 Regulations.

His Lordship did not agree with Mr De Mello's submission that those regulations were of no assistance. It seemed to his Lordship that those regulations were made precisely for the purpose of defining the limited extent to which the widow in a potentially polygamous marriage would be accorded the rights under the Act.

Under the regulations her claim would be admitted provided that the marriage was in fact monogamous. On the construction both of the Act and the regulations, the applicant was not the widow of the deceased and was accordingly not entitled to the payment of the allowance.

Mr De Mello also submitted that it was fatally inconsistent for the minister to deny the widow's pension to the wife in the polygamous marriage whereas she could be entitled to her adequate share under the National Health Service (Superannuation) Amendment Regulations (SI 1989 No 804).

His Lordship was persuaded by the argument of Mr Drabble that there was nothing in section 162 of the 1975 Act, or section 121 of the 1992 Act, which conferred any power to divide the allowance.

On the wording of the section the entitlement to the allowance was specified and there was only one allowance payable to only one wife in a monogamous marriage or one which was within the meaning of monogamous.

Lord Justice Mummery agreed and Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Maurice Andrews, Birmingham; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Panel not to keep assured tenancy alive

Regina v London Rent Assessment Panel, Ex parte Cadogan Estates Ltd

Before Mr Justice Kay

[Judgment June 4]

Where it appeared that a reasonable rent to be assessed by a rent assessment panel was above the statutory maximum by which an assured tenancy was defined, the proper course was to assess the rent in question and thereby end the assured tenancy. A panel was not to assess such a rent as the maximum possible for an assured tenancy so that the assured tenancy would be kept alive.

Mr Justice Kay so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of Cadogan Estates Ltd for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash the decision of the London Rent Assessment Panel to refuse to entertain a reference to the assessment panel made by the tenants of the estate of rent increases imposed by it.

The estate had let premises where it owned the freehold and the lessees had sublet an assured tenancy at a rent far below the market rate. The tenancy became a periodic assured tenancy by the operation of section 5(2) of the Act and the sublessees became direct lessees of the estate. The estate immediately served notice to raise the rent to £40,000 a year.

The tenants referred the matter to the assessment panel which refused to entertain the reference on the basis that a notice to increase the rent payable for a periodic assured tenancy to above £25,000 was invalid.

The panel subsequently conceded that it had jurisdiction to hear the reference but the parties continued to disagree as to how the panel's powers were to be exercised.

Section 14 of the Housing Act 1988 provides:

"(1) Where ... a tenant refers to a rent assessment committee a notice ... the committee shall determine the rent at which ... the committee consider that the dwelling-house might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing landlord under an assured tenancy — (a) which is a periodic tenancy having the same periods as those of the tenancy to which the notice relates; (b) which begins at the beginning of the new period specified in the notice; (c) the terms (of which other than relating to the amount of rent) are the same as those of the tenancy to which the notice relates...

"(7) Where a notice has been referred to a rent assessment committee the rent determined by the committee ... shall be the rent under the tenancy with effect from the beginning of the new period specified in the notice..."

Schedule 1, as amended by the Rating (Housing) Regulations (SI 1990 No 434), provides:

"Tenancies which cannot be assured tenancies ...

"2 A tenancy (a) which is entered into on or after April 1, 1990 ... and (b) under which the rent payable for the time being is payable at a rate exceeding £25,000 a year."

Mr Anthony Radevsky for the applicant; Mr John Hobson for the assessment panel.

MR JUSTICE KAY said that Mr Hobson submitted that in considering a tenant's reference under section 13(4) of the 1988 Act, the assessment panel had to assume that an assured tenancy would be granted.

If, therefore, he submitted, the market rent would be in excess of £25,000 for the dwelling house, the panel had to conclude that a landlord would only let the premises at the maximum rent that qualified as an assured tenancy, that is, £25,000 and determine that that was the new rent.

Mr Radevsky submitted that could not have been the intention of Parliament that such a radical change to the whole system of assured tenancies should be made in that way.

His Lordship found it quite impossible to accept Mr Hobson's argument that the wording of section 14(1) was straightforward and as such had to be interpreted in the way he suggested. No landlord could reasonably be expected to let the premises at less than the market rent. He would be required to give up part of the rent that he could reasonably be expected to receive to no benefit to himself.

There would be no rent at which he could be reasonably expected to let the premises under an assured tenancy if the literal meaning suggested was to be accepted.

It was necessary, as counsel for the applicant suggested, to give the words of section 14(1) a wider meaning. His Lordship could find no better approach than that suggested on behalf of the applicant: one disregarded the limit on the rental values contained in Schedule 1 and assessed the market rental without regard to any such limitation.

The provision was one that was originally included for the benefit of the landlord and it would be a remarkable situation if, simply because of the abolition of rates, it was to be turned on its head and have consequences of a very dire kind for some landlords.

The assessment panel's interpretation would have the effect that landlords would stop granting assured tenancies at annual rates less than £25,000 where there was a danger of subsequent increases hitting the £25,000 ceiling.

If the applicant's contentions were right then clearly the closer a rental on a letting was to £25,000 a year, the less would be the benefit of an assured tenancy to a tenant since he would be on risk that a subsequent rent reference might take the tenancy out of the assured scheme.

There would be little practical difference between a letting just below the £25,000 limit and one just above. There would be a natural progression in rental levels.

The assessment panel was obliged to assess the annual market rent without reference to the £25,000 limit. If the resulting determination was in excess of that figure the assured tenancy would be at an end.

Accordingly, the applicant was entitled to the relief sought.

Solicitors: Lee & Pembertons, Knightsbridge; Treasury Solicitor.

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RACING: JOCKEY CELEBRATES VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY COMPLETING FOUR-TIMER FOR CECIL ON SECOND DAY OF JULY MEETING

Newmarket quartet soothes Fallon

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

AFTER hogging the headlines for the worst reasons, Henry Cecil and Kieren Fallon yesterday combined to for a 32-1 four-timer at Newmarket and cement a new working relationship in the wake of the Bosra Sham affair.

Even before racing got underway, Cecil signalled the unpleasantness which had poisoned the previous 72 hours was at an end when he issued yet another bulletin. In stark contrast to the thinly veiled denunciation of Fallon at the weekend, Cecil offered a vote of confidence.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AZIZZI
(3.05 Newmarket)
Next best: Embassy
(2.35 Newmarket)

If Fallon was a football manager such a declaration of support would warrant sleepless nights before the inevitable fall of the axe. However, the tone of Cecil's endorsement ensures Fallon can view his future at Warren Place with confidence.

"After the unfortunate press I feel strongly that I should make it clear that I am standing by and supporting my stable jockey, Kieren Fallon," the ten-times champion trainer said. "He was my choice as stable jockey and he will continue to ride as first jockey at Warren Place with great success. Kieren Fallon and I understand, and accept, if there are certain owners who would rather have alternative jockeys on their horses."

To emphasise the point, Cecil elaborated: "He has my support and that of most of my owners. He's doing very well and he will be even better as time goes on. He is first jockey at Warren Place this year and he will be next year as well."

Even without the words, the body language of trainer and jockey confirmed the turbulence which flared after Fallon's tactical blunder in the Eclipse was at an end. "This morning Kieren said he hoped we would have a good day. I told him if we did, that was great but if it went wrong it was not the end of the world. There was always another day." Little did they know, but fortune was to smile kindly upon them.

Fallon, who has demonstrated considerable restraint amid the hullaballoo, set the ball rolling when displaying typical strength in the saddle on Light Programme to deny Marilaya in the More O'Ferrall Stakes. The smiles in the winner's enclosure spoke volumes — and the jockey could even afford a joke. After describing Light Programme as progressive, he was asked whether he was looking forward to riding him later in the season. "God willing," Fallon said in reference to recent events.

Half an hour later Cecil and Fallon had even greater reason to rejoice after Bold Fact had landed the TNT International Aviation July Stakes, despite doing a sharp right turn shortly before the furlong pole and crossing the course to the stands' rails.

The steering problems cost Bold Fact the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot and, although he lost ground when repeating the manoeuvre yesterday, his speed meant there was still two lengths back to second placed Linden Heights. "I just don't why he does it. He has never done this at home. We will have to get to the bottom of it," Cecil said.

After the opening pair of even money shots had obliged, the bookmakers might have hoped for some relief in the Duke Of Cambridgeshire Handicap, which attracted 16 three-year-olds. Not a bit of it. Punters, like Fallon and Cecil, had their tails up and, having been backed down to 5-1 favourite, Memorise won by a head.

However, the best was saved for last when Cecil introduced Daggers Dawn in the NGK Spark Plugs Novices Stakes. The colt's tall home reputation was reflected in his starting price of 11-4 on but the style in which he quickly went four lengths clear drew a quote of 16-1 for next season's 2,000 Guineas.

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JULIAN HERBERT / ALLSPORT

Fallon drives Memorise, left, to a narrow victory over Maylane, far right, in the Duke Of Cambridge Handicap at Newmarket yesterday

Ryafan excels as Abdulla takes five

By Chris McGrath

KHALED ABDULLA, the self-effacing Saudi prince who so detests publicity, yesterday really put his foot in it, owning no less than five winners on the second day of the July meeting at Newmarket.

But, while turf historians combed the records for a precedent, the Prince could at least console himself that Henry Cecil and Kieren Fallon, who shared three of them, were doing their best to preserve his privacy by retaining their own colourful monopoly on the headlines. Abdulla confessed that he was not going to attend the meeting, but he changed his mind at the last minute. Fortunately, nobody paid him much attention.

His other winners were both saddled by John Gosden, including the star of the show, Ryafan, an unflinching winner of the Falmouth Stakes. Gosden had also trained the winner of the Tuesday's feature race, Shantou. A jockey reaches for his whip on Shantou with all the wariness of a beekeeper putting his hand into the hive. Ryafan, by contrast, proved the most willing of allies for Pat Eddery: a true worker.

Dettori appeared set for victory on Ocean Ridge, who had burned her rivals off the bridle by the final furlong. But Ryafan responded to Eddery's encouragements to get up as the Godolphin filly faltered in the final strides.

Like some ladies, however, Ryafan will only do your bidding in her own good time. Sluggish this spring, only now has she returned to the form that enabled her to deny Yashmak in the Prix Marcel Boussac last autumn. "I was on Yashmak that day, and Ryafan just kept at me," Eddery said ruefully. "I wasn't going to let her forget that."

"This is a great testament to training for people who can read and understand their horses," said Gosden. "I'm very lucky that, as an owner-breeder, Prince Khaled is so patient. Her coat was wrong in the spring, and you can't rush these fillies if they are not right. Let's hope she rewards his patience with a good second half of the season, starting in the Nassau Stakes."

Gosden confirmed Shantou's good heart — and possibly his taste in music — by reporting that he had attempted to kick Rod Stewart on a visit to Stanley House yesterday morning.

Ocean Ridge started favourite on the basis that she was 6lb better off with her Coronation Stakes conqueror, Rebecca Sharp, but that filly ran as though she were carrying an extra six hundredweight, trailing in a most disappointing sixth.

Lady Carla, the winner of the 1996 Vodafone Oaks is "more than likely" to be retired, Henry Cecil, her trainer, said yesterday. She has failed to sparkle in two outings this term. "Lady Carla just really hasn't come back to herself," Cecil said. "I think probably we would advise the owner [Wafic Said] to send her home to stud."

Saseedo appeals in Bunbury Cup

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.05: Four of these contested the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot, a brawl of a race with a number of hard-luck stories. Three Cheers, Book At Bedtime and Winter Garden filled the places behind Windsor Castle, who subsequently landed the Northumberland Plate. Winter Garden may come out best of those as he has that bit more speed to cope with the drop in trip — speed his rider used too quickly in the Ascot straight.

However, **Rainwatch** may improve past them all. It was soft when he ran away with a Salisbury handicap under top weight last time, but the further improvement he showed there reflected the fact that the testing ground had increased the emphasis on stamina. Today's step up from 1½ miles will suit well.

2.35: Midnight Line represents a yard that commands obvious respect, but a number of her rivals have shown enough at home to earn entries in the top races for juvenile fillies later in the summer, notably Elsurur, Obsessed and **Embassy**.

The last-named, trained by David Loder, has reportedly inherited plenty of dash from his parents, Cadeaux Genereux and the smart Pass The Peace.

3.05: A tightly compressed Bunbury Cup, in which Crown Court — caught close home in the Royal Hunt Cup — must drop back in trip on ground faster than ideal. It is impossible to judge how much improvement Reg Akehurst can coax from Neuwest: more is certainly required. Crumpton Hill showed last year that this race combines his ideal conditions, but he does have a tendency to find trouble in running, while Emerging Market's best form is over six furlongs.

At a big price, then, it may be worth taking a chance with **Saseedo**, tried in blinkers in an attempt to tackle his recent problem with slow starts. Though he is a difficult character, his rider knows him well — they like to pounce from off a strong pace over this trip — and he is back down to a winning mark.

3.40: Royal Applause, unbeaten in his last three outings, has rediscovered all his dash this term and his Cork and Orrery win at Royal Ascot last month, making all without the support of the stands' side bunch, was the best sprinting performance in Europe this season. He is duly at short odds today, but — unless the rains arrive — the ground will be considerably faster than ideal, so the each-way alternative is another previous Middle Park winner, **Bahamian Bounty**.

His only run for Godolphin this term was during their quiet spell, but even so it was over a mile on easy ground and the chances are that this keen-running colt will flourish for a return to sprinting. His love of fast ground could prove decisive.

Chris McGrath

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.05 (1m 2f) 1. **LIGHT PROGRAMME** (K Fallon, Evens fav, **Richard Evans's nap**) 2. **Marilaya** (L Dettori, 25-1) 3. **Ricardo** (T Sprake, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Sadlers [illegible] (4th), 9 Robber Heights, 14 Poemsta, 16 Croydon Star (4th), Bracks (6th), 20 Dr Martens, 33 Precious, 50 Water Flower, 66 Princely [illegible]. 10 ran. Hd, 2l, 1l, hd, nk, [illegible]. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £6.60, £6.50. DF: £24.30. Trio: £206.20. CSF: £25.79.

2.35 (6f) 1. **BOLD FACT** (K Fallon, Evens fav, **Thunderer's nap**) 2. **Linden Heights** (Pat Eddery, 7-1) 3. **Pool Music** (R Hughes, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Saichas, 16 Aix En Provence, Tippitt Boy (5th), 25 Swift Alliance (4th), 33 Blueridge Dancer (6th). 8 ran. 2l, 2l, 1½l, [illegible]. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £5.50. CSF: £7.32.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1. **MEMORISE** (K Fallon, 5-1 fav) 2. **Maylane** (M Roberts, 10-1) 3. **Mersey Beat** (A Clark, 33-1) 4. **Amyas** (M Hills, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Prince Pega, Thunder, 8 Atlantic Deuce, 10 Bold Oriental (6th), Stanton Harcourt (5th), 12 Over To You, 16 Cinema Paradiso, Part, Romance, 20 Manazir (6th), 25 River Pilot, 33 Foot Battalion, 50 Beiner. 16 ran. Hd, 1l, sh hd, nk, nk. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £2.70, £9.70, £4.40. DF: £30.70. Trio: £613.80. CSF: £49.32. Tricast: £1,407.25.

3.40 (1m) 1. **RYAFAN** (Pat Eddery, 4-1) 2. **Ocean Ridge** (L Dettori, 7-4 fav) 3. **Theano** (T Quinn, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Rebecca Sharp (6th), 11-2 Dragonada (4th), 16 Khassah (5th), 25 Charlotte Corday. 7 ran. ¾l, 1l, 3l, sh hd, [illegible]. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £2.30, £1.30. DF: £4.70. CSF: £10.91.

4.15 (7f) 1. **BELLOW** (R Hughes, 20-1) 2. **Sick As A Parrot** (D O'Donohoe, 3-1 fav) 3. **Bali Dance** (P Hodgson, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Patricia Olive, 7 Kite (5th), Three Terriers (4th), 12 Dot, 14 Looming Love Day, 20 Docklands Despatch (6th), Lilian Marie, Our Dad, Lad, 33 La Vizelle, 40 Margaret's Dancer. 13 ran. 3l, 1l, 2l, 1l, [illegible]. H Morrison at East Ilsley. Tote: £28.30; £5.70, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £79.00. Trio: £160.10. CSF: £63.56.

4.45 (6f) 1. **DAGGERS DRAWN** (K Fallon, 4-11 fav, **Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap**) 2. **Deferrent** (L Dettori, 7-2) 3. **Krispy Knight** (M Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Bahamian Melody (4th), 33 Above Board, Fivelock Shadow (4th), Long Siege (5th), 100 Donegal Scon, Eastwell Hall, [illegible]. 9 ran. 4l, 1l, nk, 2l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £1.50. Trio: £11.70. CSF: £1.56.

5.20 (2m 24yd) 1. **MEDIA STAR** (L Dettori, 2-1 fav, **The Times Private Handicapper's top rating**) 2. **Russian Rose** (Paul Eddery, 16-1) 3. **Cloud Inspector** (K M Chin, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 In Question, Il Arcado (4th), 10-2 Northern Fleet, 10 Rorgal, 14 Sum Out, 20 Trumble, 33 Motor Pro, 40 Alwarqa (6th), Sea Lane, Sun Alert (5th), 66 Lime Street Blues. 14 ran. Nk, 2l, 2l, 4l, 11l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.20, £3.30. DF: £34.30. Trio: £74.00. CSF: £34.20. Tricast: £343.87.

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Folkestone

Going: good

2.20 (1m 1f 149yd) 1. **BATTLE GROUND** (S Drowne, 11-2) 2. **Bluebell Miss** (M Baird, 9-1) 3. **Country Thatch** (D Holland, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Superfo (4th), 11-2 Harlequin Walk, 9 Rohaab, 10 Chalk Dancer (5th), 12 Aquavita, Suspense Son, 14 Punta Sunshine, 16 Bold El Noir (6th), Switch To Senate, 20 Euro Superstar, Proud Brigadier, 25 Another Fiddle. 15 ran. ½l, 1½l, 1½l, N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £6.80; £2.80, £3.10, £2.70. DF: £13.10. Trio: £165.50. CSF: £48.53. Tricast: £414.82.

2.50 (5f) 1. **MISHRAAK** (G Carter, 7-4 fav) 2. **Mislead** (M Henry, 12-1) 3. **Swanmore Lady** (R Mullen, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Catherine's Song (4th), 7 Mura's Magic (6th), 9 Lisa's Pride, 16 Summer City Blues, 20 Bros (5th). 8 ran. [illegible]. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.20, £4.70. DF: £12.90. CSF: £21.26. Tricast: £281.27.

3.25 (6f) 1. **REGAL REVOLUTION** (J Lowe, 4-9 fav) 2. **Shannon** (F Mullen, 35-1) 3. **Rosin Splendour** (S Sanders, 13-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Flying Bear, 12 Highlands (5th), 14 Best Attempt (4th), 25 Won't Forget Me (4th), 25 Marimba, 33 Roque. 9 ran. [illegible]. P Howling at Lambourn. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £4.40, £2.20. DF: £13.30. Trio: £44.30. CSF: £20.13.

3.55 (6f) 1. **HEVER GOLF ROCKET** (Cane O'Neill, 15-1) 2. **Taffs Well** (S Sanders, 7-1) 3. **Fontayn** (S Whitworth, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Seventy, 9-2 Select Choice (5th), 33 Tumbleweed (4th), 40 Forward Miss, 50 Never Times (6th). 8 ran. Sh hd, [illegible]. [illegible] Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £12.60; £1.60, £2.90, £1.10. DF: £24.40. CSF: £68.62.

4.30 (5f) 1. **THE FUGATIVE** (A Clark, 6-1) 2. **Mousehole** (F Schorfield, 5-1) 3. **Littlestone Rocket** (Dane O'Neill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Frontal Brave, 5 Sun Slade (5th), 12 [illegible], 7 Village Native, 8 Sudetta, 12 Tear White (4th). 9 ran. [illegible]. P Mitchell at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10; £2.10, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £20.00. Trio: £117.50. CSF: £29.67. Tricast: £229.32.

5.05 (1m 4f) 1. **KRISTAL BREEZE** (W J O'Connor, [illegible]) 2. **Mono Lady** (A Mackay, 6-1) 3. [illegible] (N Day, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Ranoda (5th), 9-2 Lucana Boy (6th), 5 Dizzy Tilly (4th), 20 Antiguan Jane. [illegible] ran. [illegible]. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £4.90; £1.40, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £26.50. CSF: £42.15. Tricast: £225.20.

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Lynch handed ride on Komi

FERGAL LYNCH, the apprentice, has been handed the chance to gain another major York handicap win by Michael Stoute. The Irishman, who won the Tote-Ebor for Stoute last year, has been hooked to partner Komi, the ante-post favourite for Saturday's John Smith's Magnet Cup.

Stoute was left to secure a rider as Komi's weight of 8st 1lb is too light for John Reid, who rode the gelding into second in the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot. Lynch, who lost his claim earlier this year, rode Sheikh Mohammed's colt to victory in a Thirsk maiden in May and wore the same colours when gaining the biggest success of his career on Clerkenwell in the Ebor last August.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.05 Winter Garden
2.35 Embassy
3.05 **CRUMPTON HILL** (nap)
3.40 Royal Applause
4.10 Baltic State
4.45 Vain Tempest

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 **HIGHBORN.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Embassy. 3.05 Crown Court. 4.10 **ARAWAK CAY** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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GOING: GOOD
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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2.05 BAHRAIN TROPHY

C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £10,286: 1m 6f 175yd) (9 runners)

101	(5)	110-300	STATE FAIR 22 (F) (F Richards) B Hills 9-1	M Hills	95
102	(2)	62-551	CATCHABLE 27 (G) (Lord H De Walden) H Cecil 8-10	K Fallon	93
103	(5)	20-0336	FLETCHER 22 (F) (Lucy Marcadavel) H Morrison 8-10	R Hughes	93
104	(9)	44-102	LETTYFAK 14 (G) (Mr & Mrs J Poynton) I Williams 8-10	O Peslier	75
105	(1)	4-41	ONE FOR BAILEYS 54 (S) (C Bailey) M Johnston 8-10	J Weaver	67
106	(7)	5-2511	RAINWATCH 15 (G,S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-10	Pat Eddery	97
107	(4)	0-312	THREE CHEERS 22 (V,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-10	L Dettori	98
108	(6)	0-51214	WINTER GARDEN 22 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10	J Reid	95
109	(3)	42031	BOOK AT BEDTIME 6 (S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-5	T Quinn	[illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Three Cheers, 3-1 Rainwatch, 7-2 Winter Garden, 6-1 Book At Bedtime, 8-1 Catchable, 14-1 One For Baileys, 16-1 State Fair, 25-1 others.

1996: PERSIAN PUNCH 3-10 T Quinn (3-1) D Elsworth 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATCHABLE beat Dark Green 2l in 3-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). LETTYFAK 8l 2nd of 5 to Mondart in conditions race at Salisbury (1m 4f, soft). ONE FOR BAILEYS beat Colour Code neck in 16-runner maiden at Hamilton (1m 4f, soft). RAINWATCH completed double, beat Heart Of Armor 7l in 9-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to soft). THREE CHEERS neck 2nd of 11 to Windsor Castle in group III Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot (2m, good to firm) with BOOK AT BEDTIME (2lb better off) 2l 3rd, WINTER GARDEN 5l 4th, FLETCHER 2½l 6th and STATE FAIR (5lb worse off) 23½l 11th.
Selection: RAINWATCH

2.35 CHIPPENHAM LODGE STUD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

C4

(2-Y-O: £6,472: 6f) (14 runners)

201	(2)		BABANINA (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	—
202	(5)	60	BABY'S TIARA 17 (Bickerstaff Woolsey Racing Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11	T Quinn	—
203	(10)		COSMIC COUNTESS (Cosmic Greyhound Racing) M James 8-11	R Cochrane	—
204	(1)		ELSURUR (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-11	L Dettori	—
205	(3)		EMBASSY (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
206	(9)		EXPECT TO SHINE (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
207	(7)		GANDOURA (M al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11	R Hills	—
208	(4)		MIDNIGHT LINE (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon	—
209	(12)	32	MIDSUMMER NIGHT 26 (BF) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	—
210	(14)		OBSESSED (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11	J Reid	—
211	(11)		OPTIMISTIC (Mystic Meg Limited) M Tompkins 8-11	D Biggs	—
212	(6)		PRE CATELAN (M Hosking) M Bell 8-11	M Fenton	—
213	(13)		QUEEN'S HAT (A W Bradbury) 8-11	O Peslier	—
214	(8)		ZELANDA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	A Garth	—

BETTING: 5-1 Elsurur, 11-2 Midnight Line, 6-1 Obsessed, 7-1 Embassy, Midsummer Night, 10-1 Zelanda, 12-1 Expect To Shine, Gandoura, 16-1 others.

1996: GRAPESHOT 9-0 J Weaver (9-2) L Cumani 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BABY'S TIARA 11l 11th of 26 to Bar Games in median maiden at Windsor (5f, soft). ELSURUR foaled Mar 5. First foal by Storm Cat, dam 7f-1m winner as 2-year-old and placed in 1,000 Guineas. EMBASSY (Mar 24) Half-sister by Cadeaux Genereux to 1m juvenile winner Duck's Castle. Dam won Cherry Park as a juvenile and later second in French 1,000 Guineas. MIDNIGHT LINE (May 2) Second foal by Kris, dam won May Hill Stakes and disqualified after winning Fillies' Mile as a juvenile. MIDSUMMER NIGHT ¾l 2nd of 7 to Stop Out in maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm). OBSESSED (Feb 20) Sister by Storm Bird to 7f winner Storm Nymph and half-sister to 5f juvenile winner Obsessive, dam 1m 2f winner.
Selection: MIDSUMMER NIGHT

3.05 LADBROKE BUNBURY CUP

C4

(Handicap: £23,200: 7f) (20 runners)

301	(7)	032-423	HOW LONG 25 (D,F) (Dr S Batt) L Cumani 4-10-0	L Dettori	97
302	(10)	012-020	PRINCE BABAR 20 (D,G,S) (S Fustok) J Banks 6-9-12	R Mullen (5)	92
303	(16)	0220001	CRETAN GIFT 12 (B,F,S) (T Clarke) N Littmoden 6-9-10	J Weaver	96
304	(6)	15-2	AZIZZI 12 (D,F) (L Bracher) C Egerton 5-9-10	R Hughes	90
305	(2)	1156-00	MASTER BOOTS 41 (D,S) (C Gresser) D Loder 4-9-10	C Lowther (7)	89
306	(13)	060-360	EMERGING MARKET 20 (F) (F Arrowsmith) J Dunlop 5-9-10	K Darley	91
307	(15)	-022300	WORLD PREMIER 12 (F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 4-9-9	O Peslier	92
308	(11)	10-0301	NEUWEST 28 (D,F,G) (P Green) R Akehurst 5-9-6	T Quinn	90
309	(12)	260020	TUMBLEWEED RIDGE 20 (B,D,F,G) B Meehan 4-9-6	M Tebbutt	91
310	(3)	0-50006	CONCER UN 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hurst) S C Williams 5-9-5	A Munro	92
311	(9)	3130-22	CROWN COURT 22 (F,G) (Lord De La Warr) L Cumani 4-9-5	Pat Eddery	94
312	(1)	310-040	CRUMPTON HILL 22 (CD,F,G) (T Chambers) N Graham 5-9-4	M Roberts	92
313	(14)	40-4109	WELTON ARSENAL 30 (D,F,G) (Business Forms) K Burke 5-9-4	R Ffrench (5)	90
314	(17)	341-105	TAYSEER 12 (D,F,G) (H Salem) E Dunlop 3-9-4	K Fallon	91
315	(5)	0000402	HIGHBORN 20 (D,F,G) (Yorkshire R C) P Haslam 8-9-4	D O'Donohoe (3)	[illegible]
316	(4)	50-6000	LAW COMMISSION 14 (D,F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 7-9-1	Dane O'Neill	91
317	(8)	410-021	ELFLAND 20 (CD,G,S) (Elgin Racing Partnership) Lady Herries 6-9-0	R Cochrane	98
318	(19)	2600-60	DOUBLE BOUNCE 20 (F,G) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) P Makin 7-9-0	D Holland	98
319	(18)	515	JAFN 40 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) R Hollings 3-8-13	R Hills	90
320	(20)	5030-90	SASEEDO 31 (B,D,F,G,S) (C Frame) W O Gorman 7-8-13	Emma O'Gorman	91

BETTING: 5-1 Crown Court, 6-1 Neuwest, 7-1 Crumpton Hill, 8-1 Jafn, 10-1 Emerging Market, Elfland, 12-1 Prince Babar, Tayseer, 14-1 others.

1996: CRUMPTON HILL 4-8-11 M Roberts (7-1) N Graham 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOW LONG neck and neck 3rd of 10 to Pasna Rosie in handicap at San Siro (6f, good). CRETAN GIFT beat Autumn Of Amore neck in 19-runner handicap at Newcastle (6f, heavy). AZIZZI 5l 2nd of 5 to Tomba in listed race at Newcastle (6f, heavy). NEUWEST beat Alamein 2½l in 8-runner handicap at Newbury (7f, good). CROWN COURT ½l 2nd of 32 to Red Robbo in Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) with CRUMPTON HILL (2lb better off) 1¼l 11th, ELFLAND beat HIGHBORN (4lb better off) ½l in 11-runner Emeraude over course and distance (good to soft) with WELTON ARSENAL (7lb better off) about 12l 6th. DOUBLE BOUNCE 5½l 10th of 30 to Setherall's Flyer in Wokingham Handicap Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good to soft) with PRINCE BABAR head 11th, CRETAN GIFT (4lb worse off) ½l 12th, TUMBLEWEED RIDGE (1lb worse off) ¾l 13th, 8th and LAW COMMISSION (6lb [illegible]).
Selection: CROWN COURT

3.40 DARLEY JULY CUP

C4

(Group I: £92,270: 6f) (9 runners)

401	(2)	1/0111-	COASTAL BLUFF 292 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Sharp) T Barron 5-9-5	K Darley	87
402	(9)	525-320	LUCAYAN PRINCE 21 (F) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 4-9-5	O Peslier	90
403	(5)	0-66303	RAMBLING BEAR 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Hill) M Blanshard 4-9-5	R Cochrane	86
404	(7)	610-111	ROYAL APPLAUSE 21 (D,F,G) (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 4-9-5	M Hills	[illegible]
405	(4)	21114-6	BAHAMIAN BOUNTY 60 (BF,D,F,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 3-8-13	L Dettori	90
406	(3)	-433112	BLUE GOBLIN 21 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-13	Pat Eddery	90
407	(1)	2122-20	COMPTON PLACE 20 (D,F,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 3-8-13	S Sanders	88
408	(8)	416T-05	EASYCALL 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (Easycall Partnership) B Meehan 3-8-13	M Tebbutt	91
409	(6)	21110-5	INDIAN ROCKET 21 (D,F,G,S) (K Alsayegh) J Dunlop 3-8-13	R Hills	92

BETTING: 8-11 Royal Applause, 9-2 Blue Goblin, 7-1 Indian Rocket, 8-1 Coastal Bluff, Bahamian Bounty, 10-1 Lucayan Prince, 16-1 Easycall, 25-1 others.

1996: ANABAA 4-9-5 F Head (11-4) C Head (Fr) 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

COASTAL BLUFF completed treble, beat Mr Bergerac 1½l in 28-runner Ladbroke Gold Cup at Ayr (6f, good to firm). RAMBLING BEAR 5½l 3rd of 5 to Tomba in listed race at Newcastle (6f, heavy). ROYAL APPLAUSE completed treble beat BLUE GOBLIN (5lb worse off) 1½l in 23-runner group III Cork And Orrery at Royal Ascot (6f, good) with INDIAN ROCKET (3lb better off) about 1½l 5th and LUCAYAN PRINCE about 3l 11th. BAHAMIAN BOUNTY 18¼l 6th of 6 to Daylami in group I Dubai Poule D'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp (1m, heavy). EASYCALL about 2¾l 5th of 18 to Don't Worry Me in group II King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to soft) with RAMBLING BEAR ¾l 7th and COMPTON PLACE 2½l 8th.
Selection: ROYAL APPLAUSE (nap)

4.10 WEATHERBYS SUPERLATIVE STAKES

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,582: 7f) (4 runners)

501	(2)	13	ARAWAK CAY 21 (C,S) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 9-0	O Peslier	97
502	(3)	1	BALTIC STATE 35 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	94
503	(1)	10	ASCOT CYCLONE 22 (F) (S Bel Obaida) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	98
504	(4)	13	SILENT TRIBUTE 12 (G) (Mrs E Harris) M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	[illegible]

BETTING: 5-6 Baltic State, 11-4 Arawak Cay, 4-1 Silent Tribute, 10-1 Ascot Cyclone.

1996: RECONDITE 9-0 K Darley (14-1) M Channon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARAWAK CAY short-head and 1¼l 3rd of 6 to Tippitt Boy in group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good). BALTIC STATE beat Mishcaak 4l in 5-runner maiden at Yarmouth (6f, firm). ASCOT CYCLONE 7l 8th of 18 to Nadwah in group III Queen Mary stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm). SILENT TRIBUTE 2¼l 3rd of 7 to Lady In Waiting in listed race at Newmarket (6f, soft).
Selection: BALTIC STATE

4.45 AMCOR HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £8,740: 1m) (15 runners)

601	(2)	22-3030	CAVIAR ROYALE 23 (F) (M Burke's 5th Family Settlement) T Barron 9-7	J Carroll	98
602	(11)	15-4554	BALI PARADISE 12 (F,S) (Al Muallim Partnership) P Cole 9-5	T Quinn	96
603	(14)	3-4221	POKER SCHOOL 48 (G) (D Westley) N Callaghan 8-13	Pat Eddery	—
604	(6)	21-526	COURTSHIP 19 (F) (Lord H De Walden) H Cecil 8-13	K Fallon	92
605	(8)	13-2503	RAPIER 23 (D,F) (Mrs A Kane) R Hannon 8-13	Dane O'Neill	94
606	(7)	01-0	ATTITUDE 47 (F) (Greenfield Ltd) H Candy 8-12	C Rutter	88
607	(12)	0513	STILETT 12 (BF,D,G) (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 8-11	L Dettori	91
608	(3)	41	VAIN TEMPEST 22 (D,G) (Prince Michael Of Kent) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	91
609	(13)	1214-40	ALPINE TIME 19 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) D Loder 8-11	K Darley	93
610	(9)	4211	WOODBECK 15 (F,S) (B Fain) J Glover 8-9	N Day	99
611	(5)	31-12	RUDIMENTAL 20 (BF,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	95
612	(4)	3130-60	BERYLLIUM 33 (G) (T Herbert-Jackson) R Hannon 8-8	R Hills	[illegible]
613	(1)	1600	GREENAWAY BAY 21 (F) (Molters Racing) G Wragg 8-8	M Hills	92
614	(15)	314	ZOOM UP 50 (D,G) (K Maeda) M Heaton-Ellis 8-8	S Sanders	89
615	(10)	-035236	SIGNS AND WONDERS 26 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 7-10	R Ffrench (5)	89

Long handicap: Signs And Wonders 7-7

BETTING: 5-1 Rudimental, 6-1 Woodbeck, 7-1 Rapier, Vain Tempest, 8-1 Bali Paradise, Stilett, 10-1 Poker School, 12-1 others.

1996: FAHIM 8-9 W Carson (2-1 fav) A Stewart 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAVIAR ROYALE 2¾l and neck 3rd of 6 to Alezal in handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. BALI PARADISE 19l 4th of 12 to Tom Jem in handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, heavy). POKER SCHOOL beat Puzzled Airs 1½l in 14-runner maiden at Dundalk (1m 1f, good). COURTSHIP 11 2nd of 9 to Another Time in handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. STILETT neck and short-head 3rd of 9 to Mara River in handicap at Bath (1m, good). VAIN TEMPEST beat No Grousing 1¾l in 12-runner maiden at Ripon (1m, good). WOODBECK completed double beat Muscatana 3l in 9-runner handicap at Chester (7f, soft). RUDIMENTAL beat Sir Talbot 1¼l in 9-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ZOOM UP beat Hever Golf Glory ¾l in 11-runner maiden at Warwick (1m, good) on penultimate start, with STILETT (3lb worse off) 16¾l 10th.
Selection: POKER SCHOOL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	16	63	25.4	Pat Eddery	110	540	20.4
H Cecil	64	267	24.0	R Ffrench	6	35	17.1
D Loder	22	129	17.1	L Dettori	80	526	15.2
J Gosden	44	307	14.3	K Fallon	20	165	12.1
L Cumani	33	262	12.6	J Weaver	22	184	12.0
P Cole	25	213	11.7	D Holland	10	88	11.4

Handicap experts favoured

BOOKMAKERS took no chances with runners trained by Reg Akehurst and Luca Cumani, the handicap specialists, when betting opened on the Schweppes Golden Mile yesterday. The Akehurst-trained Red Robbo was made 10-1 favourite for the Goodwood contest by William Hill, while the Tote made the Hunt Cup winner one of the 11-1 joint favourites with Cumani's Brave Kris. Crown Court, another Cumani runner who goes for today's Bunbury Cup at Newmarket, is 12-1 joint favourite with Ladbrokes with Red Robbo.

ACCEPTORS

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FISHING

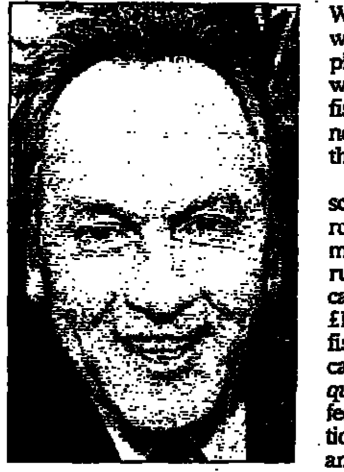
Moves are launched to untangle legal lines

By Brian Clarke

THE Government has announced two initiatives of profound importance to angling. One is a root-and-branch review of fisheries legislation and the legal framework within which angling is conducted. The other is a set of proposals to curb, among other things, the widespread and lucrative black market in huge fish that are being smuggled into Great Britain by fishery owners for anglers to catch.

The first initiative, announced by Dr Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, fulfils a commitment made in Labour's "Charter for Anglers" produced before the election. It has implications for everything from the way that salmon stocks are managed and shared between anglers and netsmen, to the way that the Environment Agency's (EA) fisheries function is funded, close-seasons for different fish species are set, and rod licences for anglers are calculated.

According to Elliot Morley, the Fisheries Minister, yesterday, the second initiative reflects concern at the dangers to native fish when disease-carrying fish are brought into Britain without approval and moved from water to water.


Cunningham: action

The capture of a 99lb wels catfish from a small lake in Essex last November put the latter issue on the map. The lake owner claimed a British record, but it was so much bigger than anything caught in Britain that suspicions were aroused. The British Record Fish Committee demanded documentary evidence that the catfish had been legally stocked — none has yet been produced.

The trade in smuggled fish is significant. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the EA have long been unwilling to admit just how significant, or the extent to which, alien fish disease has been taking a foothold in British waters.

Incentives to smuggle have never been greater. Because of the fees that can be charged to a minority of anglers desperate to catch something big, a 20lb carp can fetch £400 on the black market, a 30lb carp can fetch up to £3,000 and, one fishery manager said recently, anyone offering a 40lb or 50lb carp could "name his price".

The proposals which Morley announced would make it illegal to keep non-native fish in — or to release them into — any waters in England and Wales without a licence. Many will feel that the move, valuable though it may be in the smuggling context, is in a diseased context effectively closing the door after a coach-and-four have bolted.

Although less urgent and dramatic, the plans to review fisheries legislation are in the long term much more significant. Fisheries are largely regulated under the Salmon and Fresh Water Fisheries Act of 1975, plus some lesser measures. The bulk of this legislation has its roots in Victorian times, when everything about fisheries was different. Not least among the differences concern salmon. When the first regulations were drafted, salmon were plentiful and the primary need was to assist those netting the fish for sale. This bias towards netting interest has carried through into present law.

Now, however, salmon are scarce and a salmon caught on rod and line generates far more cash and jobs for the rural economy than a fish caught in a net: a difference of £12 for the average net-caught fish against £500-plus for one caught on a rod, is often quoted. It comes in the rod fees, ghillie fees, accommodation costs and the like, that anglers are willing to incur.

Among the management issues that seem likely to be aired is the way angling is funded — or more to the point, is not funded — by the Sports Council, and the way that the EA fisheries function, under-resourced and in places seemingly under-motivated, is financed. EA fisheries work is largely paid for by rod licences and by government grants. With grants falling and rod licence income approaching the maximum that the market will bear, there is a need to bridge the gap. Riparian owners, whose waters benefit from EA work but who do not contribute directly, are known to be in the sights.

For anglers, the opening up of all these matters and others, so soon after the election, is a significant event. Two thoughts, though, will temper enthusiasm. The first is is that it is not reviews that count, but recommendations. The second is that recommendations are worth nothing without the resource and political will needed to see them through. Reaction to it all will stay on hold.

An ambitious athlete acts the part of a champion

Fraser, left, is closing the gap on Pérec; she hopes to reach the world championship finals and then prepare for the 2000 Olympics

Fraser makes a study of moody Perec

David Powell talks to a modest young British woman who is determined to run out of the shadow of an Olympic queen

Donna Fraser would not presume to suggest that she might fill Marie-José Pérec's shoes eventually, though, in one respect, she already has. Fraser is Great Britain's leading 200 and 400 metres runner, 5ft 11in, and, to use her words, "all legs". Rather like Pérec.

So, who better than Fraser to be chosen as Pérec's understudy for the latest Pirelli advertisement? "I went for the casting and got the job," Fraser said. Not to the butterfly-shaped island of Guadeloupe, where Pérec was born, but to "sunny Swindon" (Fraser's phrase). Actually, the weather was miserable and Pérec was being her typical temperamental self.

"She was not very happy," Fraser said. A word of advice for an aspiring runner would have been appreciated, but Pérec, the Olympic 200 and 400 metres champion was keeping herself to herself. "We did not really talk," Fraser said. "She was cold and not in a good mood. I just kept out of her way." Still, it was "good fun, an experience", Fraser said: "I did the bits she did not want to do. In her contract, there were certain hours she would have to work and, anything over that, I would go in. There are little bits of me in the ad, but they could not show my whole face or body because we are a slightly different build."

In times on the track, the difference is decreasing. While Pérec has abandoned plans to compete at the world championships in Athens because of poor form, Fraser is having her best year. Indoors, she has broken Katharine Merry's British 200 metres record and, outdoors, she has finished second in the European Cup 400 metres. "This year, I want to reach the final of the world championships but, long-term, my realistic ambition is to make myself known by the 2000 Olympics," Fraser said.

When she finished runner-up to Cathy Freeman, the Olympic silver medal-winner, in the Oslo Grand Prix last Friday, Fraser recorded a personal best 50.87sec from the outside lane. It was from the outside lane that she set her British indoor 200 metres record.

Her big fault, she said, is her tendency to gauge her speed on the athletes outside her and, consequently, run the first 200 metres too slowly. "It is a terrible way to think," she said. "Being in lane six in Oslo meant I could focus on what I was doing."

Like Kelly Holmes in the 800 and 1,500 metres, Fraser's progression through the British trials for Athens in two events at Birmingham this weekend should be a formality. Unlike Holmes, Fraser has decided to double in Athens. She attributes her improvement to giving up her demanding job with the St Vincent and Grenadines tourist board in Kensington.

"Although I was born near Croydon, my parents are from there and I studied tourism at college," Fraser said. After visiting the islands several times, she joined the tourist board staff. "It was not just an office job; it involved travelling abroad to the Caribbean," she said.

Training, though, became increasingly harder to fit in. "We took care of the UK and European market, so, as well as visiting St Vincent at least once a year with the press, travel agents and tour operators, I would have to go to different European countries for exhibitions to promote the islands," Fraser said. "I was juggling work and athletics, so I decided to make a clean break. I knew I would not progress in athletics doing that job."

Push came to shove when, after returning from the Olympic Games last year, Fraser's request to work part-time with the tourist board was rejected. She took up temporary secretarial work to fit around her training and now works 20 hours a week for Seeboard as a sports and leisure manager, organising events for staff.

Aged 24, Fraser was the 1991 European junior 400 metres champion. She is the youngest of four sisters, the next youngest being ten years older. "I was the mistake," she said, giggling, "and the thing is, I do not look like any of them. So it's the 'Are you sure we did not pick up the wrong baby?' kind of thing."

But a Fraser she is, even if she looks, and is beginning to move, like a Pérec.

FOOTBALL

Welsh joy as draw sends Celtic to Cardiff

By Russell Kempson

TWO months ago, Inter Cable-Tel, the League of Wales runners-up last season, wrote to Celtic, of the Bell's Scottish League premier division, to ask if they would play a pre-season match at the Cardiff Athletic Stadium. Celtic politely declined; they were too busy. Yesterday, Inter were belatedly granted their wish, the clubs being drawn together in the first qualifying round of the Uefa Cup.

"I suppose it's a bit ironic, but we're delighted," Max James, the Inter chairman, said. "It's probably the best draw we could have hoped for and is marvellous for the South Wales public as well as the club. It's a dream tie."

Inter, formerly known as Inter Cardiff before they signed a sponsorship deal with a national cable television company, average attendances of 250 at their 7,000-capacity stadium. "That's only if the players' wives, girlfriends and families all turn up," George Wood, the manager, said. It is likely that their home leg will be switched to Ninian Park, the home of Cardiff City.

Wood, 45, the former Scotland, Everton and Arsenal goalkeeper, is realistic about the chances of his young squad of semi-professionals. The only time that he played against Celtic was for East Stirlingshire, who lost 3-0, in the first game of his career. "I'd probably settle for that again," he said. "As long as we learn as much as we can from the games, then I'm not too worried."

Dundee United also face an intriguing tie in the Uefa Cup, having been drawn against Club Esportiu Principat — the first side from Andorra to be allowed to play in Europe. The club used to be known as The Real Madrid Supporters from Charlie's Restaurant, but, sadly, the Andorran champions were forced to change their name by Uefa.

Chelsea are exempt from the Cup Winners' Cup first qualifying round, as are Newcastle United, the FA Carling Premiership runners-up last season, from the first qualifying round of the European Cup. Newcastle wait to play either Partizan Belgrade or FC Croatia Zagreb for a place in the Champions League.

Rangers, the Scottish champions, meet Gotu Itrottarfelag, from the Faeroe Isles, in their opening European Cup tie. If they progress, as expected, they will play IFK Gothenberg. Barry Town, the League of Wales champions, meet Dynamo Kiev, from Ukraine.

On the domestic front, Geoff Thomas, the Wolverhampton Wanderers midfield player, has joined Nottingham Forest on a free transfer. Peter Ndlovu, the Coventry City forward, has completed his £1.6 million move to Birmingham City, while Coventry have signed Martin Johansen, 24, a striker, from FC Copenhagen on a two-year contract. Tottenham Hotspur are continuing discussions with David Ginola, the unsettled Newcastle winger.

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1.50 March Crusader. 2.25 Selfish. 2.55 Almuhtaram. 3.30 Grand Splendour. 4.00 Myrtlebank. 4.35 Mantles Star.

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1.50 SAXONBURY HANDICAP
(£3,785: 5f) (10 runners)

1	(9)	6051	SPENDER 26 (D,F,G) P Harris 8-10-0	M Henry (3)	97
2	(3)	2140	KILCULLEN LAD 19 (V,C,D,F) P Mooney 3-9-12	D R McCabe	90
3	(5)	3000	BOWDEN ROSE 26 (B,D,F,G) M Blanshard 5-9-11	P P Murphy (3)	98
4	(6)	4210	MARCH CRUSADER 12 (C,F) R Hanbury 3-9-8	W Ryan	85
5	(4)	6014	MALIBU MAN 11 (D,F,G) E Wheeler 5-9-4	A Daly (5)	98
6	(8)	-505	TUSCAN DAWN 27 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-3	P Roberts (5)	98
7	(2)	3312	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 9 (B,BF,CD,G,S) G McCourt 5-8-12	D Harrison	[illegible]
8	(1)	0041	TINKER OSMASTON 10 (D,F,S) R Hodges 6-8-12 (7ex)	S Drowne	98
9	(10)	0000	DANDE FLYER 47 (V,D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 4-8-9	S Whitworth	97
10	(7)	0136	ANOKATO 31 (D,F) K Ivory 3-8-8	C Scally	96

11-4 Runs In The Family, 9-2 Spender, 11-2 Tuscan Dawn, Tinker Osmaston, 13-2 Malibu Man, 7-1 March Crusader, 10-1 Kilcullen Lad, Anokato, 12-1 others.

2.25 MAPLETON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,110: 7f 140yd) (13)

1	(4)	0	BORRADOR 17 R Curtis 9-0	J Lowe	—
2	(7)	50	CHURCHILL'S SHADOW 53 B Pearce 9-0	Martin Dwyer (3)	72
3	(11)	0-0	FALCON RIDGE 87 J Fox 9-0	S Drowne	—
4	(5)	0	FORESTRY 38 J G Smyth-Osbourne 9-0	D Harrison	—
5	(6)	24-	JAWHARI 320 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter	80
6	(1)	2	LAWZ 17 C Benstead 9-0	A McGlone	81
7	(8)	5	MEILLEUR 29 Lady Herries 9-0	Paul Eddery	67
8	(12)	0	NOBBY BEACH 27 W Muir 9-0	W J O'Connor	—
9	(10)	0-0	NORTHERN ANGEL 52 Mrs J Cecil 9-0	G Hind	—
10	(9)	66	PEMBERLEY 8 W Haggas 9-0	M Henry (3)	79
11	(2)	4-03	RED GUARD 85 G Wragg 9-0	A Clark	80
12	(13)	3220	SELFISH 19 (BF) H Cecil 8-9	W Ryan	[illegible]
13	(3)	34-	SILVER KRISTAL 250 R Akehurst 8-9	S Whitworth	81

7-4 Selfish, 9-2 Jawhari, Red Guard, 8-1 Lawz, Silver Kristal, 12-1 Meilleur, Pemberley, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from 31 runners, 29.0%; J Berry, 13 from 48, 27.1%; G Wragg, 4 from 15, 26.7%; Lady Herries, 8 from 31, 25.8%; L Montague Hall, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J Gosden, 10 from 43, 23.3%.

JOCKEYS: M J Dwyer, 5 winners from 28 rides, 17.9%; W Ryan, 9 from 59, 15.3%; G Carter, 7 from 52, 13.5%; A McGlone, 9 from 81, 11.1%; M Henry, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

2.55 VENNER SHIPLEY GOLDEN JUBILEE HANDICAP
(£3,174: 1m 6f) (14)

1	(7)	-425	DIEGO 19 (G) C Brittain 4-9-12	W J O'Connor	87
2	(13)	-060	MOON COLONY 44 Lady Herries 4-9-11	W Ryan	85
3	(9)	4500	CHARMING ADMIRAL 88 C Wall 4-9-8	W Lord	90
4	(4)	3622	MATTHIAS MYSTIQUE 26 Miss B Sanders 4-9-4	A Clark	90
5	(11)	2000	SERIOUS TRUST 18 (F) Mrs L Jewell 4-9-1	D Williams (7)	[illegible]
6	(10)	0030	ALMUHTARAM 19 (B,F) G Lewis 5-9-0	Paul Eddery	97
7	(6)	6633	REAGANESQUE 31 (BF,F) P Murphy 5-8-13	S Drowne	89
8	(2)	0056	DURHAM 6 (V,CD,F,G) G L Moore 6-8-13	S Whitworth	97
9	(5)	-003	CHILDREN'S CHOICE 8 (D,F,G,S) W Musson 6-8-9	A McGlone	90
10	(14)	000-	PREROGATIVE 48J G L Moore 7-8-8	J D Smith (3)	85
11	(12)	0-00	WONDERBOY 17 R Akehurst 3-8-3	D Harrison	—
12	(1)	3340	DUNCOMBE HALL 8 C Cyzer 4-8-1	Martin Dwyer (3)	94
13	(3)	2135	WOTTASHAMBLES 119 (F) L Montague Hall 6-8-0	N Varley	95
14	(8)	4-00	STRAT'S LEGACY 19 (F) D Arbuthnot 10-7-10	M Henry (3)	86

7-2 Reaganesque, 4-1 Matthias Mystique, 13-2 Diego, 8-1 Almuhtaram, Wottashambles, 10-1 Children's Choice, Duncombe Hall, 12-1 others.

3.30 CRAWLEY DOWN GROUP FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,460: 1m 1f) (6)

1	(5)	0434	GRAND SPLENDOUR 5 (BF) Lady Herries 4-9-13	Paul Eddery	90
2	(4)	2-65	BUBBLE WINGS 31 (BF,F,G) S Woods 5-9-11	W J O'Connor	87
3	(6)	3026	RIGHT TUNE 5 (F) R Hanbury 3-9-10	W Ryan	93
4	(3)	0403	MISTY RAIN 17 B Hills 3-8-11	J D Smith (3)	96
5	(2)	-005	LUCKY BEGONIA 22 W Musson 4-8-6	A McGlone	92
6	(1)	4300	SQUARE MILE MISS 35 P Howling 4-7-10	J Lowe	[illegible]

7-4 Misty Rain, 11-4 Grand Splendour, 3-1 Bubble Wings, 6-1 Right Tune, 12-1 Lucky Begonia, 25-1 Square Mile Miss.

4.00 SLAUGHTON LIMITED STAKES
(£3,805: 1m 2f) (6)

1	(3)	-310	DANISH RHAPSODY 28 (D,F) Lady Herries 4-9-8	Paul Eddery	92
2	(6)	0103	POLAR CHAMP 17 (D,F,S) S Woods 4-9-8	G Faulkner (5)	92
3	(1)	-166	MINERSVILLE 20 (V,BF,F) J Gosden 3-8-11	G Hind	90
4	(4)	-401	HAPPY GO LUCKY 36 (F,S) R O'Sullivan 3-8-8	S Whitworth	92
5	(2)	1	ZALITZINE 66 (G) M Stoute 3-8-8	D Harrison	93
6	(5)	16-	MYRTLEBANK 257 (S) H Cecil 3-8-6	W Ryan	[illegible]

8-11 Zalitzine, 4-1 Myrtlebank, 13-2 Minersville, 8-1 Polar Champ, Happy Go Lucky, 10-1 Danish Rhapsody.

4.35 BIRCHGROVE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(All-weather: 2-Y-O: £2,277: 7f) (7)

1	(2)	030	CAPTAIN JONES 23 B Meehan 9-0	Martin Dwyer (3)	75
2	(4)	4	DANZIG FLYER 23 P Harris 9-0	M Henry (3)	85
3	(1)	00	HIGHBURY LEGEND 53 Bob Jones 9-0	G Carter	70
4	(5)	5	MANTLES STAR 13 G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	86
5	(7)	42	SIGNATORY 16 R Hannon 9-0	W J O'Connor	[illegible]
6	(6)	003	RESPOND 11 G L Moore 8-9	A Clark	97
7	(3)	4500	SOLWAY LASS 82 P Eccles 8-9	D Harrison	73

7-4 Mantles Star, 3-1 Signatory, 9-2 Respond, 6-1 Danzig Flyer, 8-1 Captain Jones, 14-1 Highbury Legend, 25-1 Solway Lass.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.15 Kalimat. 2.45 Alpine Hideaway. 3.20 Bolero Kid. *3.50 Sea Ya Maite. 4.20 Chinaider. 4.55 Top Prize.*

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2.15 ALFRISTON MAIDEN FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,277: 1m) (16 runners)

1	325	TWIN TIME 45 M Heaton-Ellis 3-10-0	R Perham 16
2	2-36	KALIMAT 66 (BF) W Jarvis 3-9-13	J Quinn 11
3	2-06	SHEILAS DREAM 31 (V) G L Moore 4-9-6	Candy Morris 3
4	0-00	CHARISSE DANCER 5 C Thornton 4-9-3	Dean McKeown 8
5	4400	COMMIT UP 6 Miss M Rowland 4-9-0	N Adams 9
6	0-04	CRUZ SANTA 30 T Barron 4-9-0	R Lappin 15
7	4338	PHOENIX PRINCESS 12 B McMahon 3-8-12	S Righton (7) 12
8	0030	QUALITAIR SILVER 10 J Bottomley 3-8-8	L Charnock 6
9	4006	PERSIAN SUNSET 31 G Woodward 5-8-7	L Newton 5
10	-600	MIDNIGHT ROMANCE 19 A Jarvis 3-8-6	D Wright 7
11	0400	LACHESIS 17 D Shaw 4-8-4	J Fanning 14
12	0000	BENT RAIWAND 12 Enrico Incisa 4-8-3	Kim Tinkler 1
13	0400	HADADABBLE 14 Pat Mitchell 4-8-0	T Sprake 13
14	0-00	DANCE MELODY 24 G Oldroyd 5-7-13	A Mackay 2
15	0000	REDSPET 5 S Bowring 3-7-10	F Boyle (7) 4
16	R0/3	ARRASAS LADY 21 J Poulton 7-7-10	J Fowle (7) 10

9-2 Cruz Santa, 6-1 Twin Time, 7-1 Sheilas Dream, 8-1 Charisse Dancer, Phoenix Princess, Hadadabble, 10-1 Kalimat, Qualitair Silver, 14-1 others.

2.45 LULLINGTON CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,277: 7f) (16)

1	0300	ALPINE HIDEAWAY 12 (D,F) B Hanbury 4-9-10	J Stack 9
2	6400	GOLDEN ACE 15 (S) R Hannon 4-9-10	R Perham 14
3	2000	BE WARNED 24 (B,CD,F,G) M Dods 6-9-6	Dale Gibson 13
4	1006	THEATRE MAGIC 7 (CD) D Shaw 4-9-6	J Fanning 10
5	0120	INTIAASH 9 (F,S) D Haydn Jones 5-9-5	Joelene Richards (7) 4
6	0223	PALO BLANCO 13 (F,G,S) G L Moore 6-9-5	Candy Morris 7
7	3201	BOLD ARISTOCRAT 21 (C) R Hollinshead 6-9-3	F Lynch 16
8	0/0	EASY NOMI 5 K Hogg 7-9-0	M Gallagher 3
9	1000	SWEET MATE 17 (V,CD,S) S Bowring 5-9-0	S Webster 2
10	0-02	ASHGORE 33 (BF,CD,F,G) J Eyre 7-8-12	D Wright 6
11	0-6	NORDICO MELODY 23 Mrs S Smith 3-8-12	O Pears 8
12	5-06	SAKHAROV 10 (G,D,F,G) B Palling 8-8-12	T Sprake 11
13	0000	GUY'S GAMBLE 22 (B,CD) J Wharton 4-8-11	J Quinn 5
14	4504	PC'S CRUISER 21 (V,C) N Littmoden 5-8-10	T G McLaughlin 1
15	00	BLUE CHEESE 33 Mrs N Macauley 3-8-7	N Adams 15
16	0030	JILLY BEVELED 6 Ron Thompson 5-8-6	D Sweeney (5) 12

9-2 Palo Blanco, 11-2 Ashgore, 6-1 Intiaash, 8-1 Be Warned, Bold Aristocrat, 10-1 Alpine Hideaway, Golden Ace, Sweet Mate, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Jarvis, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; P Harris, 3 from 18, 16.7%; T Barron, 31 from 200, 15.5%; J Eyre, 31 from 213, 14.6%; J Berry, 33 from 245, 13.5%; S Bowring, 45 from 356, 12.6%; R Hannon, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: G Parkin, 8 winners from 41 rides, 19.5%; D Sweeney, 8 from 48, 16.7%; O Pears, 11 from 79, 13.9%; F Lynch, 18 from 140, 12.9%; D McKeown, 36 from 325, 11.1%.

3.20 HILTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,277: 6f) (9)

1	00	BLACK JET 14 N Littmoden 9-0	D Sweeney (5) 4
2	0463	BOLERO KID 27 M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas 3
3	0	COLONEL CUSTER 6 C Thornton 9-0	Dean McKeown 1
4	040	FLAME TOWER 22 R Hannon 9-0	R Perham 9
5	03	HOPE VALUE 7 T Easterby 9-0	L Charnock 7
6	00	LAWFUL CONTRACT 26 R Hollinshead 9-0	D Griffiths (3) 6
7	43	FRANKIE FAIR 19 (BF) M Jarvis 8-9	F Lynch 8
8		MISS BANANAS T Bill 8-9	T G McLaughlin 2
9		TAMBURELLO J Berry 8-9	P Fessey (3) 5

11-4 Bolero Kid, 4-1 Black Jet, Frankie Fair, 6-1 Flame Tower, Tamburello, 7-1 Hope Value, 16-1 Colonel Custer, 25-1 others.

3.50 SNELSTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,810: 6f) (7)

1	3101	BIG BEN 12 (F) R Hannon 9-7	R Perham 7
2	11-0	FONZY 15 (C,F,G) Mrs S Smith 9-3	O Pears 4
3	0103	TAILWIND 15 (D,F) W Muir 9-2	T Sprake 6
4	2522	MASTER FOLEY 90 (D) N Littmoden 9-1	T G McLaughlin 1
5	0500	ZALOTTO 5 (B) T Etherington 8-5	A Culhane 3
6	0-430	SEA YA MAITE 12 S Bowring 8-5	Dale Gibson 2
7	0034	VILLAGE PUB 13 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 7-12	J Quinn 5

2-1 Big Ben, 11-4 Master Foley, 9-2 Fonzy, 11-2 Tailwind, Sea Ya Maite, 8-1 Village Pub, 16-1 Zalotto

4.20 SELMESTON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,985: 5f) (10)

1	1	CHINAIDER 10 (CD) J J O'Neill 8-11	J Quinn 10
2	4	OFF AND RUNNING 73 J Berry 8-11	P Fessey (3) 8
3	0004	RUSSIAN ROMEO 5 (V) B McMahon 8-11	L Newton 4
4	3002	BEECHWOOD QUEST 7 (D) B Rothwell 8-6	L Charnock 2
5	03	BRADBURY FALLS 8 D Cosgrove 8-6	J Stack 7
6	6342	DAYNABEE 10 N Tinkler 8-6	Kim Tinkler 1
7	0344	KARENARAGON 13 Ron Thompson 8-6	T Williams 6
8	0	POLLYTEKNICK 23 N Littmoden 8-6	D Sweeney (5) 9
9		PRIDE OF BRYN D Smith 8-6	A Culhane 5
10	4	RIVER FRONTIER 13 M Usher 8-6	J Marshall 3

3-1 Russian Romeo, 7-2 Chinaider, 4-1 Beechwood Quest, 6-1 Daynabee, 7-1 Off And Running, 8-1 Bradbury Falls, 14-1 Karenaragon, 20-1 others

4.55 ARLINGTON HANDICAP
(£2,277: 1m 6f) (9)

1	3012	HEIGHTH OF FAME 15 (C) J Hetherton 6-10-0	O Pears 4
2	-354	EARLY PEACE 3 (B,S) M Dods 5-8-12	Dale Gibson 2
3	3402	BONNE VILLE 21 B Palling 5-8-10	T Sprake 7
4	9-04	SHY PADDY 9 K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-3	J Quinn 8
5	60-6	SOPHIE LOCKETT 5 K Hogg 4-8-3	R Lappin 9
6	225-	SWORDKING 423 (B,D,G,S) J L Harris 6-7-13	P Fessey (3) 3
7	2000	TOP PRIZE 61 (V,C,D,F) M Brittain 9-7-12	G Bardwell 5
8	5006	DASHING INVADER 19 (B) P Harris 4-7-12	F Norton 1
9	-000	MISTER JAY 17 (V) K Morgan 3-7-10	N Adams 6

2-1 Heighth Of Fame, 7-2 Bonne Ville, 6-1 Swordking, 7-1 Early Peace, 8-1 Shy Paddy, 10-1 Dashing Invader, 16-1 Sophie Lockett, Top Prize, Mister Jay

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newmarket: 3 05 Saseedo. Southwell: 2.15 Sheilas Dream. 2.45 Sweet Mate. 3 50 Zalotto. 4.55 Mister Jay, Swordking. Lingfield Park: 4 00 Minersville

EUROPEAN DRAWS

EUROPEAN CUP: First qualifying round: Derry City (Ire) v Maribor Branik (Slovenia). Kosice (Slovakia) v Akranes (Ice); Partizan Belgrade (Yug) v Croatia Zagreb (Cro). Valletta (Malta) v Skonto Riga (Lat); Pyunic Erevan (Arm) v MTK Budapest (Hun). Crusaders (N Ire) v Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo). Sileks (Macedonia) v Betar Jerusalem (Isr). Steaua Bucharest (Rom) v CSKA Sofia (Bul). Constructorul (Mol) v Mozyr (Bela). Lantana Tallinn (Est) v FC Jazz (Fin). Gotu Itrottarfelag (Faeroe Is) v Rangers (Scot). Neftchi Baku (Azer) v Widzew Lodz (Pol). Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) v Barry Town (Wales). Sion (Switz) v Jeunesse d'Esch (Lux). Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) v Kareda Siauliai (Lith)

☐ *First leg July 23, second leg July 30*

SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND. Kosice or Akranes v Spartak Moscow (Russ). Pyunic Erevan or MTK v Rosenborg (Nor). Sion or Jeunesse d'Esch v Galatasaray (Tur). Besiktas (Tur) v Derry City or Maribor Branik. Olympiakos (Gr) v Constructorul or Mozyr. Casino Salzburg (Austria) v Sparta Prague (Cz). IFK Gothenburg v Itrottarfelag or Rangers. Barcelona (Sp) v Valletta or Skonto Riga. Brondby IF (Den) v Dynamo Kiev or Barry Town. Newcastle United (Eng) v Partizan Belgrade or Croatia Zagreb. Feyenoord (Holl) v Lantana Tallinn or FC Jazz. Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) v Crusaders or Dinamo Tbilisi. Steaua Bucharest or CSKA Sofia v Paris Saint-Germain (Fr). Neftchi Baku or Widzew Lodz v Parma (It). Sileks or Betar Jerusalem v Sporting Lisbon (Por). Anorthosis Famagusta or Kareda Siauliai v Lierse (Bel)

☐ *First leg August 13, second leg August 27*

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First qualifying round: Legia Warsaw (Pol) v Glenavon (N Ire); Cwmbran Town (Wales) v Nacional Bucharest (Rom). Zalgiris Vilnius (Lith) v Hapoel Beer-Sheva (Isr). Zimbru Chisenau (Mol) v Shaktyor Donetsk (Ukr). Dinaburg Daugavpils (Lat) v Kapaz Ganja (Azer). Kilmarnock (Scot) v Shelbourne (Ire). HJK Helsinki (Fin) v Red Star Belgrade (Yug). Sloga Jugomagnat (Macedonia) v FC Zagreb (Cro). Vasutas (Hun) v Balzers (Liech). Sadam Tallinn (Est) v Belshina Bobruisk (Bela). NK Primorje (Slovenia) v US Luxembourg (Lux). Levski Sofia (Bul) v Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia). Dinamo Batumi (Geo) v Ararat Erevan (Arm). Hibernians (Malta) v IB Vestmannaeyjar (Ice). Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) v HB Torshavn (Faeroe Is)

☐ *First leg August 14, second leg August 28*

UEFA CUP: First qualifying round: Dinamo Minsk (Bela) v Kolkheti Poti (Geo). Hapoel Petah Tikvah (Isr) v Flora Tallinn (Est); Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk (Ukr) v FC Erevan (Arm). Inkaras Kaunas (Lith) v Bobby Brno (Cz). MyPa 47 (Fin) v Apollon Limassol (Cyp). Inter-Cable Tel (Wales) v Celtic (Scot). Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) v Tiligul Tiraspol (Mol). Grevenmacher (Lux) v Hajduk Split (Cro). Grasshopper Zurich (Switz) v Coleraine (N Ire); Vojvodina (Yug) v Viking Stavanger (Nor). Knattspyrnufelag Reykjavik (Ice) v Dinamo Bucharest (Rom). Bohemians (Ire) v Ferencvaros (Hun). Jablonek (Cz) v Karabakh Adgam (Azer). Spartak Trnava (Slovakia) v Birkirkara (Malta). Odra Wodzislaw (Pol) v Pobeda Prilep (Macedonia). Daugava (Lith) v Vorskla Poltova (Ukr). SK Brann (Nor) v Neftochimik Bourgas (Bul). CE Principat (Andorra) v Dundee United (Scot). Hit Gorica (Slovenia) v Otelul Galati (Rom). Ujpest TE (Hun) v Klaksvikar Itrottarfelag (Faeroe Is)

☐ *First leg July 23, second leg July 30 (except Bohemians v Ferencvaros, second leg on July 29)*

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match

11.0, second day of three

SHENLEY PARK: MCC v Pakistan A

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): West Bromwich, Dartmouth: Warwickshire v Minor Counties

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Third day of four: Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex. *Second day of three: Chesterfield:* Derbyshire v Durham. Haslingden: Lancashire v Kent. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey. Clevedon: Somerset v Hampshire. Horsham: Sussex v Gloucestershire. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Middlesex.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham)

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (at Hickstead)

GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational

RUGBY LEAGUE: Alliance Championship: Halifax v St Helens. Hull v Featherstone; Oldham v Castleford

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v King's Lynn (7.30). Premier League four-team championship: Qualifying round: Sheffield v Hull v Skegness v Long Eaton (7.45)

TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Bristol)

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Behind Villeneuve's brash image lies a talent and determination to succeed

Boy racer sets his sights on first prize

MICHAEL CALVIN

The eyes, blue flecked with green, have the unerring accuracy of radar beams. The mind is a maze, which can snare the unwise, or the unworldly. The talent has the purity of genetic science. Jacques Villeneuve is more, infinitely more, than a bad haircut.

The bleach might have been applied with all the subtlety of a schoolgirl hiding behind the bathroom door, but Formula One's latest bottle-blond is not about to whitewash logic. He requires no reminder that the British Grand Prix on Sunday is the most important race of his Formula One career.

Villeneuve is no accidental tourist, stumbling down the highways and byways of a global sport that is shaped by artifice rather than artlessness. His high-grunge, low-tolerance image may be agreeably informal, but it remains just that. An image, a commodity to be exploited.

Revealingly, despite racer's instincts that are tailored to the Williams ethos, he is not as uniformly popular within the team as Heinz-Harald Frentzen, a softer, more pliable character. He is calculating, compulsive, a conformist when necessary. He is refreshingly forthright, but the controversies that he arouses never reveal the man's core.

For someone who loves to attack the issues of the day, ranging from self-acknowledged mistakes to collective complacency, he has a rare flair for self-defence. Though opinionated about the morals and political machinations of Formula One, he hates to speak about himself in deeper, philosophical, terms.

Unlike the late Ayrton Senna, he is reticent about articulating his religious beliefs, which offer involuntary reminders of mortality. He shuttles effortlessly between cultures, but has an air of rootlessness, made all the more poignant by clichéd comparisons with his late father, Gilles.

Rebel with a cause: the bleached blond Villeneuve feels no pressure to conform to certain standards. Photograph: Uta Tochtermann

"There is, I suppose, a danger that image will obscure reality," he said, apparently oblivious to the irony of the setting. He had changed, out of unbuttoned denim shirt, jeans and black Doc Martens, into branded overalls for a television interview. The pilot of his private jet was outside, negotiating a take-off slot from Berne's one-runway airport.

"Reality is what you want to keep private," he said. "That's when people are very different. They won't be themselves in public, and there is nothing wrong with that. I feel no pressure to conform to a certain set of standards. Possibly the fact that I've been winning makes it easier for me to be myself.

"That's important to me. It's when I'm happy. I'm not trying to be different for the sake of being different. I'm just trying to be myself, whatever that is. It's not easy to have normal relationships because you don't have the time."

His working life is gauged in fractions, snatched moments that disclose more than a million soundbites. In an age of homogenised heroes, his relish of calculated risk and reputation for calculated criticism, is a godsend for Formula One's venture capitalists.

"The thing is that people, including me, will always complain about everything," he said, responding to the perceived lack of incident in modern races. "That is human nature; but, if it is so boring, why are there so many spectators and TV viewers? Why are so many journalists talking about it?"

In essence, because it encapsulates human weakness and encourages the vicarious thrill of studying someone else's discomfort. Conventional wisdom has transformed Villeneuve, in a matter of weeks, from champion elect to victim-in-waiting. Midway through the season, he lies second in the drivers' championship, with 33 points to Michael Schumacher's 47.

"Of course, I would have loved to have finished more races this season, but its too easy to say I would have done things differently," he said. "You always ask as much of yourself as you can. You want to do the best, whatever it takes. There is a game within a game which goes on, a game of words and it is dangerous.

"There are psychological battles, but I get along pretty much with everyone. I'm not there to beat a guy off the track, I'm there to beat him on it. If I can do that, I'm not going to invent stuff just to destabilise him. It's very easy to fall into that trap, to do it without noticing, but I don't think its fair."

Schumacher, an acknowledged expert of media manipulation, has learnt to transmit scorn with a smile, to belittle with tangential praise. His pessimism makes a mockery of the 14-point lead that he has established, but he continues to distort the debate by emphasising the inevitability of Williams's superiority at Silverstone.

"I don't know Michael that well, personally," Villeneuve said. "He said a couple of adverse things about me at the start of last season, but I didn't bite and it stopped. There is respect between us, and that is the right way to behave.

"He's a great driver, and many different things make a great driver. He's got to be mentally strong, intelligent. It is your head which controls your body, your head which stops you making mistakes over and over again. You need a special feel to understand what's going on out there, and you have to be selfish. You have to want it badly."

> 'I'm just trying to be myself whatever that is'

He is, however, not above implicitly questioning the priorities of his erstwhile teammate, Damon Hill, whose transfer to Arrows has been a flawed gamble. As Villeneuve said: "I don't know exactly what happened with Damon, but basically I understand he thought it would work out OK.

"Obviously that's not happened. He's world champion, drove beautifully last year, but doesn't have the weapon to fight. What can he do? It's difficult, and frustrating, but you have always to accept the decisions you make in life."

Even if, like the blond rinse, they are ill advised. Judge Villeneuve not by the roots, which are already beginning to show, but by the substance of his skill.

SAILING

Laidlaw suffers handicap setback

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

IRVINE LAIDLAW sailed what he described as "the perfect race" yesterday, but it was still not enough for him to retain the overall lead in Division One of the Rolex European Regatta in the Solent. Laidlaw's scratch boat under the Nautor's Swan Rating system, *Highland Fling*, had won consecutive races on Monday and Tuesday and reached the finish of the 16-mile race 17 minutes ahead of his closest rival, but his hopes of a win were dashed nonetheless.

Behind him, the smaller boats in the fleet were benefiting from the combination of a strengthening breeze and an increasingly strong ebb-going tide as they completed the run to the finish at the Squadron line from Mother Bank buoy. Terry Robinson's *Assuage*, helmed by Andrew McLelland, took the honours in Division One, for yachts from 68ft to 46ft, with Laidlaw demoted on handicap to eighth. In Division Two, the Dutch yacht, *Cisne*, owned by Keert Jansen, won, with John McIntyre's 1968-vintage Swan 36, *Shaytana*, second.

Going into the final race of the five-race series today and with more breeze forecast, the battle for overall honours could hardly be closer. *Highland Fling* and *Assuage* are tied in the lead on 29 points with Keith Miller's *Crackerjack* and Chris Jago's *Flamboyant* tied on 30 points in joint-third. Tied in fifth place, on 35 points, are Don Woods' yawl, *Gandalf Wight Sorcerer*, which won the first race in the series, and *Jacobite*, owned by Stephen James. A discard comes into force at the end of racing today.

☐ Volvo, the Swedish car manufacturer, has taken over as the title sponsor of the Whitbread Round the World Race, which has been held every four years since 1973 and starts again this September. Whitbread will relinquish control in June next year.

Sheehan on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

One declarer play strategy is regularly overlooked even by supposedly expert declarers. Cover up the East-West hands and plan the play in Seven Hearts on the king of spades lead:

Dealer South **Love all** **IMPs**

North
♠ A 7 2
♥ K Q J 8
♦ A 5
♣ A 8 7 2

West
♠ K Q
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 8 6 3 2
♣ Q J 6 5

East
♠ J 10 9 6 3
♥ 5 3
♦ 9 4
♣ K 10 9 4

South
♠ 8 5 4
♥ A 10 9 7 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 3

S	W	N	E
1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
2 D	Pass	2 S	Pass
3 D	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 D	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 D	Pass	7 H	All Pass

Contract: Seven Hearts by South **Lead: King of spades**

The opening bid was light, but at least South's modest assets were concentrated in his long suits. Stuck for a bid over the "fourth suit forcing" bid of Two Spades, he advertised a fifth diamond. That was about all the encouragement that North felt he needed.

Declarer drew trumps in two rounds and claimed, discarding dummy's losing spades on diamonds. The mood at the time was that the grand slam was a poor one, but the 2-2 trump split (odds-against) had saved the day. In mitigation, South pointed out that he would also succeed when the long trump hand had four-plus diamonds. He could leave the long trump(s) at large, discard the spades on the diamonds and cross-ruff.

Much later, declarer realised that his contract was virtually 100 per cent on that elusive technique, the dummy reversal. All he had to do was ruff three clubs with high trumps in hand, using the ace of diamonds and king-queen of hearts as entries. Declarer makes two black aces, four diamonds, dummy's four trumps, and three ruffs in hand.

To be ultra-safe, South should use the diamond entry first. This guards against a defender with shortage in both minors discarding a singleton diamond on the third round of clubs.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Keene on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kramnik wins

Vladimir Kramnik, the young Russian grandmaster, has demonstrated remarkable form in recent tournaments, scoring 3½ points out of a possible four, for example, in his games against Kasparov and Karpov.

His problem, in spite of a powerful style, is that he is still too erratic and occasionally crashes to defeat against the lesser lights.

In Dortmund, he outmanoeuvred Karpov in a complicated game of attack and counter-attack.

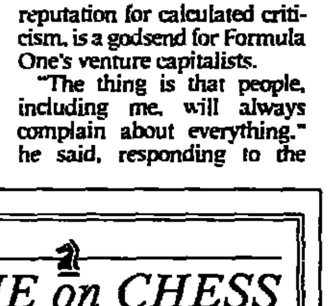
White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Dortmund, July 1997

English Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	b6
3	g3	Bb7
4	Bg2	e6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	0-0
7	Nc3	d5
8	cxd5	Nxd5
9	e4	Nxc3
10	bxc3	Nc6
11	d4	Na5
12	h4	Re8
13	h5	h6
14	Ne5	Bd6
15	Bf4	Qe7
16	Qg4	Kh8
17	Nd3	Rad8
18	Rad1	Bc6
19	e5	Ba3
20	Bxc6	Nxc6
21	Re4	Qd7
22	Qf3	Bf8
23	Be3	Na5
24	g4	Nc4
25	g5	Nxe3
26	fxe3	hxg5
27	Rg4	Qe7
28	Rf1	Rd7
29	Qg3	f6
30	e4	Qa3
31	exf6	Qxc3
32	f7	Rc8
33	d5	exd5
34	e5	c5
35	Rf3	c4
36	Nf2	Qe1+
37	Kg2	Be7
38	Rxg5	Bxg5
39	f8Q+	

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Schools semi-final

Here is the result from the semi-final of *the Times* schools championship, in which Manchester Grammar beat Methodist College, Belfast, 4-2 and qualified for the final:

Methodist College names first: Eoin Kelly lost to David Thompson; Gareth Lewis drew with Joseph O'Connor; Ian Davis drew with Andrew Lewis; Franklin Ginn lost to John Thompson; David Beattie lost to Chris Reed; Simon Sawhney lost to David Shaw

Schools wishing to enter the 1998 competition should contact the Chief Organiser, Mitchell Taylor, 4 Alders Road, Hale Lane, Edgware, HA8 9QG (tel: 0181-959 6915).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

RUGBY UNION: LEADING LION RETURNS TO NATIONAL DUTY

England hope to benefit as Bentley takes wing again

From David Hands, rugby correspondent, in Sydney

FEW players will have had so long an interval between one international cap and another as John Bentley when he plays for England against Australia here on Saturday. His only two previous appearances came in 1988, the second against Australia in Brisbane on May 29 that year. Nine years, 44 days and a rugby league career later, he will face them again and thus complete a quite remarkable year.

When Bentley returned to rugby union last season, his ambition was limited to making the transition from Halifax in the one code to Newcastle in the other. Then the British Isles picked him for the tour of South Africa, where his performances forced England to add him to their Australia-bound squad, culminating in his selection yesterday at right wing.

TOMORROW

The Times' guide to the issues, opinions and personalities in the battle for English rugby

"Jack Rowell [the England coach] said I come from a different world," Bentley, 30, said. "He acknowledged it as an achievement, which was nice." Nine years ago, his opponent was David Campese — "the best player I have ever played against" — whereas, on Saturday, it will be Joe Roff, who was 12 when Bentley made a 90-metre run for his one and only England try.

Nobody could have been prouder than Bentley to have been chosen for the Lions, and then to appear in two internationals against South Africa. Alongside him will be 11 colleagues from the Lions including Tony Underwood, who damaged a hip in Johannesburg last Saturday. England, however, are confident that he will be fit.

England have acknowledged the reality of selecting players who have been together for the past eight weeks, balancing that against the physical and mental demands that have been made of them. Only three players — Phil de Glanville, the captain, Nick Greenstock and Darren Garforth — survive from the XV that lost 33-13 to Argentina in Buenos Aires nearly five weeks ago. "They want to do well for England, but the actuality is that, once the match starts, the venture of the last eight weeks will catch up with them," Rowell said.

He is relieved that, of his core players from the five nations' championship, he has not lost more than Jason Leonard, Martin Johnson and Jeremy Guscott to injury, though those three have more than 130 caps between them. Even so, there are six changes from the side that started against Wales in March.

Much has changed since then. Matt Dawson, omitted against Italy last November and not subsequently restored, has forced his way back past Austin Healey at scrum half; Nick Greenstock has the opportunity to confirm his elevation at centre against opponents of higher calibre than Argentina; and Tim Stimpson will take the stage as England's first-choice goal-kicker after achieving a success rate for the Lions of around 80 per cent.

All of which is music to Rowell's ears for a fixture for which Australia, well beaten by New Zealand last Saturday, are on the rebound.

"We feel now we have a new England team with which to enter a period of stabilisation before the World Cup, with any changes coming only around the edges," Rowell said. "Ideally, this game would have been structured at another time, without this juxtaposition with the end of the Lions tour, but it's for people like Greenstock and Garforth to show they can perform at the top level."

Whether Rowell's continued presence as coach can also be assured over the next two years remains in doubt, dependent as it may be upon the outcome of the annual meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) tomorrow. His contract with the union concludes on August 31 and, if the RFU should come under new management as a result of the political conflict that has blighted the sport in England, attitudes towards the national coach could change.

ENGLAND: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle), J Bentley (Newcastle), N J J Greenstock (Wasps), P R de Glanville (Bath, captain), T Underwood (Newcastle); M J Catt (Bath), M J S Dawson (Northampton); G C Rowntree (Leicester), M P Regan (Bristol), D J Garforth (Leicester), L B N Dallaglio (Wasps), N C Redman (Bath), S D Shaw (Wasps), R A Hill (Saracens), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army). Replacements: A Healey (Leicester), A D King (Wasps), N D Beal (Northampton), K Yates (Bath), R Cockerill (Leicester), B B Clarke (Richmond)

POLO

Calumet's weakness is exposed

CALUMET, put together by Henryk de Kwiatkowski, faced Laird, from the Beaufort Club, when the British Open championships for the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup resumed at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday, Laird winning 14-4 (John Watson writes).

Calumet showed that they are not a well co-ordinated combination whereas Laird have grown together remarkably quickly for a newly formed squad. Pivoted on Will Lucas, they are a nicely balanced quartet.

Luke Tomlinson fills the No 1 slot with great dash while listening to an endless flow of instructions from his cousin, Lucas.

Andrew Hine, at back, was just as forceful in attack as in defence and contributed eight goals to his side's score.

LAIRD: 1, L Tomlinson (3); 2, P Araujo (7); 3, W Lucas (6); back, A Hine (6).

CALUMET: 1, H de Kwiatkowski (0); 2, J Hipwood (6), 3, H Hipwood (8); back, H Barabucci (8).

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FEED-PAWL
a. Prison regime
b. A Hallowe'en party game
c. Part of a Bofors

DOVEKIE
a. An aviary
b. A region of South Africa
c. An Arctic bird

DEEPSIDE
a. Chemical
b. A rower's place in a galley
c. Fizzy drink

STRAMIN
a. A Donegal village
b. Coarse sacking
c. An ancient viol

Answers on page 50

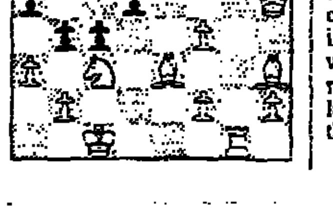
WINNING MOVE

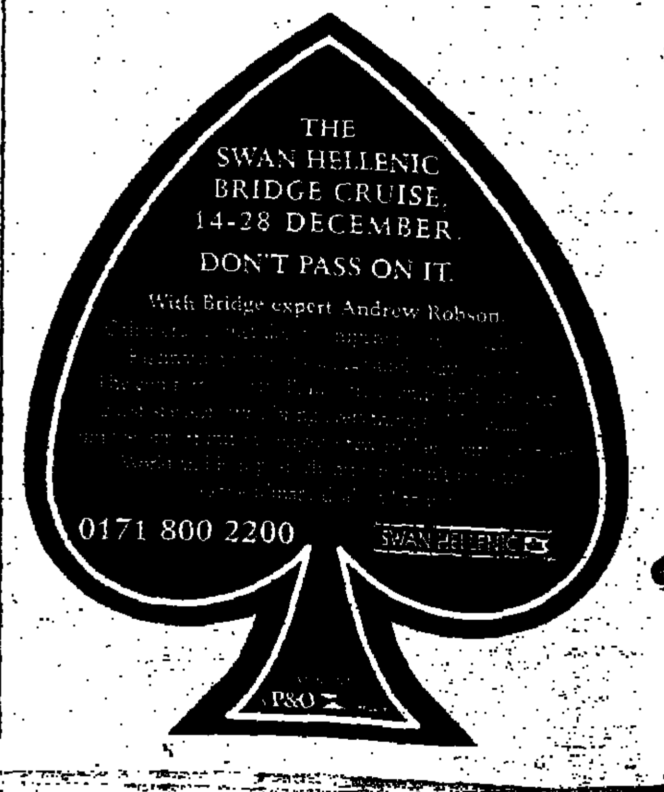
By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Arencibia — Schlosser, Havana, 1997.

White has gambitted a rook to open lines against the black king. This turned out to be a good investment. Can you see why?

Solution on page 50

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GOLF

Haeggman record shows he has not missed the train

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

TOM LEHMAN looked a picture of contentment, tanned, relaxed and with a smile on his face. "How could you not be happy on a day like this?" he asked rhetorically. "This is a phenomenal course, the weather is wonderful and I played well. All in all it was an A-plus day."

In those three crisp sentences, Lehman summed up his first round, a 65, in the Gulfstream Loch Lomond World Invitational. He might, though, have been speaking on behalf of any number of colleagues who heaped praise on this beautifully-sited course that looked more ravishing than ever beneath clear sky and strong sunshine yesterday.

There had been an intention to complete the week without any reference to the bonny banks of Loch Lomond, but the banks were so bonny and the place looked so beguiling that it proved impossible to resist.

Lehman is two strokes behind Joakim Haeggman, who was awoken at 4.45am, arrived at the course at 5.40, began play at 7.10 and, 4½ hours later, signed for a score that was a course record yet included three bogeys, which came in the space of six holes on the way home.

It is not possible to play as well as this without each department of the game being in good order. Haeggman missed reaching only one green in the correct figures and then, when on the putting surfaces, he was deadly. Haeggman had 27 putts, which is fewer than in any round since May, and that made all the difference.

Loch Lomond is a strokemaker's course. It is not possible to bludgeon your way around it. It rewards players who execute each stroke correctly. If they fail to do this, then they pay a price. This is why there were so many bogeys, even among the low rounds. Lehman was one of few players to have only pars or better.

Even so, on a day without a breath of wind and when the flags were placed in what Colin Montgomerie described as very, very generous positions, the course was left without much with which to counter the players. Haeggman's 63 was exceptional, but, as Lehman pointed out: "There should be low scores today. The fairways are holding, the greens are holding. The course has no defences."

Time was when Haeggman seemed in the thick of everything. He won the Spanish Open in 1993, beating Ernie Els and Nick Faldo, became the first Swede to represent Europe in the Ryder Cup team and Bernard Gallacher thought that he would become a player of substance. "I was up there ranked with Ernie [Els], Phil [Mickelson] and all the boys of '93," Haeggman said. "Now I can't get started in the tournaments they are winning."

Haeggman's problems began when he dislocated his left shoulder blade and cracked two ribs playing ice hockey in Sweden in 1994. Since then, he has occasionally needed pain-killing injections to allow him to practise as intensely as he likes and a little of the edge has vanished from his game. Some of that desire to be involved in golf has died down, too.

At the mention of Haeggman, a smile appeared on the face of Faldo, who had a 67. "The great fisherman," Faldo joked. "He's disappeared to the rivers of the world."

"I am 28 this autumn and I feel I have a few years yet," Haeggman said. "I feel I haven't missed the train. It is still something to jump on to."

The only flaw in Haeggman's day was to be accused by Montgomerie of being in a slow group. "The first three groups are terribly important," Montgomerie said. "The first group was 4hr 16min. That is fine; that is inside the allotted 4hr 20min; but the second group — Haeggman, Gary Emerson and Joakim [Rask] — took 4hr 36min. To be 20 minutes behind the first group is too long. We have got to impose stroke penalties. If that happened to me, I would say 'Well done' to whoever policed the situation."

Haeggman disagreed. "That's typical Montgomerie," he said. "Would he be complaining if he had taken 63? We were not warned. After the 7th, we were told to speed up, but that was because the group in front of us had slowed down."

☐ John Daly, the 1995 Open champion, yesterday confirmed that "personal health" problems would prevent him from competing at Royal Troon next week.

ON MONDAY

IN THE TIMES

A 16-page guide to the Open Championship

ROSS KINNAIRD / ALLSPORT

Haeggman lines up his putt at the 17th on his way to a course record of 63

FIRST ROUND

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

63: J Haeggman (Swe). 65: T Lehman (US). 66: G Day (US). 67: M Hallberg (Swe), J Sandelin (Swe), N Faldo. 68: P Eales, K Eriksson (Swe), M Gronberg (Swe), M Tunnicliff, G Clark, R Davis (Aus), G Norman (Aus), R Allenby (Aus), P Broadhurst. 69: S McAllister, M A Jiménez (Sp), C Montgomerie, M Gates, R Rafferty, P Quirici (Switz), R Muntz (Holl), I Garbutt, S Jones (US), P Mitchell. 70: J Rask (Swe), P Lonard (Aus), R Russell, J M Olazábal (Sp), C Rocca (It), E Els (SA), S Ames (Trin), J Parnevik (Swe), D Carter, R Damron (US), G Nicklaus (US), R Coles, P Fulke (Swe), P Baker, R Chapman, R Lee, D Hospital (Sp), S Grappasonni (It), L Westwood, L Mize (US). 71: D Chopra (Swe), R Goosen (SA), D Gilford, D Borrego (Sp), J Townsend (US), J Rivero (Sp), D Cooper, * C Watson, D Robertson, P Lawrie, P Harrington, J Coceres (Arg). 72: G Sherry, T Tolles (US), M A Martin (Sp), T Bjorn (Den), I Woosnam, B Lane, J van de Velde (Fr), R Claydon, P McGinley, H Twitty (US), G Evans, S Luna (Sp), J Robson, H Clark, M James, D Clarke, J Hawkes (SA), P-U Johansson (Swe), W Westner (SA). 73: J Payne, P Stewart, M McNulty (Zim), A Hunter, E Darcy, R Green (Aus), C Whitelaw (SA), R Willison, M Mouland, P Haugsrud (Nor), J C Pinero (Sp), C Mason, A Forsbrand (Swe), R Drummond, P Hedblom (Swe), G Turner (NZ), S Torrance, B Langer (Ger), G Brand Jr, A Coltart, K Tomori (Japan), M Roe, J Spence

** denotes amateur*

Ice-cool Sorenstam pursues treble

Patricia Davies finds a Swedish golfer having 'a lot of fun' on a serious quest

Callaway, the golf club manufacturer, will be running a new set of television advertisements from today to mark the start of Annika Sorenstam's defence of the US Women's Open Championship on the Witch Hollow course at the Pumpkin Ridge club in Oregon.

It is not just any old defence, of course. Sorenstam managed that at Pine Needles last year, when she won by six shots to become only the sixth woman to win consecutive Opens. What makes this year special is that nobody, not even Mickey Wright, perhaps the greatest woman golfer, has ever won the title three years in succession.

Wright, who won 82 tournaments, including the Opens of 1958, 1959, 1961 and 1964, wishes Sorenstam the best of luck in her quest. "It would be great for the game," she said. "Annika appears to have what I can only describe as 'it' — the ability to control the emotions under intense pressure and still hit the shots."

The trick is to cope with the inevitable nerves and even Wright did not always do that. The Open of 1960, when she failed to complete the hat-trick, was the worst experience she ever had in golf. "I absolutely blew it," she said. "I recall I shot 82 in the last round and it was a horrible, helpless feeling. It was one of those days when the emotions get the better of you and I could not control the shots."

So far, Sorenstam, 26 and of breathtaking composure, who flew to Oregon in Callaway's corporate jet, gives no sign of thinking that things are anything but wonderful. She conceded that there was a lot of attention, but, in her own quiet way, she claimed to be enjoying it. "It's a lot of fun," she said. "I have the opportunity to do something nobody has. That's a great challenge. If I don't achieve it, as long as I know that I gave 100 per cent, that's all that matters."

Sorenstam, who married David Esch earlier this year, seems completely at ease with herself. She also has the comfort of knowing that her game, like the course, is in great shape.

She has won four times already this season, been second three times and third twice. She is leading the money-list with $779,862 (£485,000) and, most important to her, is top of the scoring average table.

She has won the Vare Trophy, for low scoring, for the past two years and uses a computer to assess all the facts and figures of a round and to pinpoint her strengths and weaknesses. Even after her victory at Pine Needles, she was anxious that Pia Nilsson, Sweden's head coach, should write her customary post-tournament evaluation, outlining what was good and what could be improved.

It is that ability to concentrate on the particular that makes Sorenstam such a formidable Open machine. Judy Bell, the president of the United States Golf Association, described Sorenstam as "exceptional. She never gets too far ahead of herself and that's what it takes to be a great champion. She keeps her focus".

Sorenstam: relaxed

Laura Davies, usurped by Sorenstam as world No 1, said: "Annika's as cool as anybody I've ever seen. I'm sure she'll be worrying about it inside, but you wouldn't know."

Davies did not help her own chances by slicing deep into her left index finger with a bread knife on Tuesday morning, but she knew where she wanted to be come Sunday evening. "If I finish one shot ahead of Annika, I'll probably be holding that trophy," she said.

One of the new Callaway advertisements takes a gentle humorous swipe at the Tiger Woods hypemobile, along the lines of one player dominating professional golf like no other over the past year, yet still finding locker-rooms that she cannot get into.

Woods is very much here in spirit (and materially — Nike's headquarters are near here), for it was on this very course that he created golfing history last August, by winning his third consecutive US Amateur Championship. He also won the US Junior Amateur three times and the third victory, in 1993, was in Oregon, which is bidding fair to become golf's "three-peat" state.

EQUESTRIANISM: RALLY PROMPTS EARLY START TO HICKSTEAD SHOW

Riders jump to support hunting

By Jenny MacArthur

THE clarion call to arms from the country sports fraternity, who are attending a mass rally in Hyde Park today, has prompted an unprecedented 6am start for the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead to enable competitors in the ridden hunter classes to be in Hyde Park at 11am.

The change in schedule, however, does not involve the international showjumping classes, which will continue as planned — a decision that has upset several of Great Britain's leading showjumpers. Nick Skelton, who on Sunday attempts a fourth win in the King George V Gold Cup, said yesterday: "I think all equestrian events should be cancelled on Thursday — the threat to hunting could have long-term effects on all equestrian sports."

John Whitaker, whose Aachen Grand Prix winner, Virtual Village Welham, received his early education in the hunting field, echoed Skelton's sentiments. "I don't hunt because I don't have time now, but I would like to support the rally," he said. William Funnell, who learnt to ride hunting with the Tickham in Kent where his father, John, was huntsman, is sending a representative to Hyde Park, but would have preferred to be there himself.

"Everything should have been cancelled today," he said. "It puts us in a difficult position. We would like to show our support, but showjumping is how I earn my money. If I missed the first day of the International my horse would not be ready for Friday's team trial and I can't afford to risk that."

Douglas Bunn, the owner of Hickstead and a keen supporter of hunting, regrets the clash, but says that there was little that he could do. "We fixed our date for the Royal International a year ago," he said. "If we had known the date of the rally, then the clash might have been avoided. As it is, we are doing the best we can by holding the show hunter classes either early or late in the day."

Increased prize-money this year — £85,000 is on offer for the international classes — has prompted a stronger foreign entry for the event than usual, with 29 riders from 12 nations competing. These include Jos Lansink, from Holland, the winner of the Volvo World Cup in 1994 and a 1992 Olympic team gold medal-winner, Joe Fargis, of the United States, the 1984 Olympic champion, Peter Charles, the European champion, from Ireland, and Mark Todd, of New Zealand.

The richest prize is the King George V Gold Cup on Sunday, for which the winner receives £15,000. Whitaker and Welham, who beat the best in Europe to win in Aachen two weeks ago, and Geoff Billington, with his Windsor Grand Prix winner, It's Otto, are the leading British contenders.

Skelton, the winner last year on Cathleen, will have his work cut out if he is to succeed again this week. His intended ride, Tinker's Boy, is only eight and, although he has already impressed on the international circuit, achieving the only clear round for the Great Britain team in the La Baule Nations Cup in May, he will be one of the least experienced horses in the International field.

ATHLETICS

Barnes has success in the bank

By John Goodbody

MATT BARNES, the 1994 AAA indoor 3,000 metres champion, led home more than 10,000 runners in the Chase Corporate Challenge Run in Battersea Park last night. Barnes, 29, representing Barclays Bank, finished in 16min 22sec, 15sec ahead of Nick Weatheridge, with Dave Dugley, another NatWest competitor, a further 9sec back.

Barnes, who will be running in either the 1,500 metres or 5,000 metres in the world championship trials in Birmingham this weekend, never looked troubled as he sped round the sinuous 3½-mile course, which is run partly on road and partly on grass.

He tracked Simon Fairbrother, who has represented Britain over 1,500 metres in the World Cup, for much of the first two miles and then broke clear to win easily. He said afterwards: "I felt reasonably comfortable at two miles and just tried to keep consistent form towards the end of the race."

More than 500 companies entered competitors for an event that also takes place in 18 other cities in the world. The final is in New York on October 4.

Gurkha is on target at Bisley

THE Royal Gurkha Rifles, which dominated Army rifle shooting at Bisley during much of the Eighties and early Nineties, was back in challenging form yesterday when Lance Corporal Beindrakua Maga became the first Gurkha to win since 1990.

He did so by beating Major Angus McLeod by eight points, with Corporal Iain Chambers another five behind in third place.

Golf: A magnificent round of 69, three under par, by Elaine Ratcliffe helped England into sixth spot in the strokeplay qualifying section of the European women's team championship at the Nord Center club in Finland yesterday, one stroke adrift of Spain and France, the joint-leaders.

Bowls: Somerset, the holders of the Johns Trophy, and Norfolk, whom they beat in the final last year, have qualified to meet in the semi-finals of the women's national inter-county championship at Royal Leamington Spa, on August 4, after beating Wiltshire and Oxfordshire, respectively.

Rugby union: A Wales XV recorded the third win of their North American tour early yesterday when they defeated a United States development XV 55-23 in San Francisco.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BUCKINGHAM, ANTHONY ROBERT BUCKINGHAM late of Twickenham, Middlesex died there on 11 June 1996
(Estate about £120,000)
CHANDLER, FREDERICK WILLIAM CHANDLER otherwise FREDERICK CHANDLER late of Wandsworth, London SW18 died at Battersea, London SW11 on 16 February 1996
(Estate about £4,500)
COLTART nee RUDDOCK, ELLEN COLTART nee RUDDOCK WIDOW late of Hull, Humberside died at Cottingham, Humberside on 16 November 1993
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CONNOLLY otherwise CONNELLY, ELLEN CONNOLLY otherwise ELLEN CONNELLY otherwise HELEN CONNOLLY otherwise HELEN CONNELLY late of Maidstone, Kent died there on 24 December 1994
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CONNORTON, HENRY VICTOR CONNORTON late of Norwich, Norfolk died there on 27 April 1997
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FREESTONE nee DOWEY, VERA FREESTONE nee DOWEY WIDOW late of Leicester, Leicestershire died there on 5 June 1996
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GEDDES, WILLIAM ANDERSON GEDDES otherwise WILLIAM GEDDES late of Southampton, Hampshire died there on 26 November 1995
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HARRIS, WINIFRED MARY HARRIS SPINSTER late of Chillham, Canterbury, Kent died at Canterbury, Kent on 4 November 1996
(Estate about £6,000)
HEPTEL otherwise HEPTELTAYT, JULIA HEPTEL otherwise JULIE HEPTEL otherwise JULIA CHRISTINE HEPTELTAYT late of Acton, London W3 died at Hammersmith, London W12 on 15 November 1996
(Estate about £5,000)
HOXBY, ALICE EMMA HOXBY otherwise ALICE HOXBY SPINSTER late of Hackney, London E5 died there on 5 August 1996
(Estate about £15,000)
HUGHES, JOHN HUGHES late of Westminster, London SW11 died there on 14 November 1995
(Estate about £8,000)
JONES, WALTER JONES late of Ebbw Vale, Gwent died there on 17 December 1996
(Estate about £9,000)
KING, CLAUD HAMILTON STANLEY KING otherwise CLAUDE HAMILTON STANLEY KING late of Hythe, Kent died there on 6 July 1992 (Estate about £27,000)
MCGUIRE, JOSEPH PATRICK MCGUIRE late of Reading, Berkshire died there on 13 January 1997
(Estate about £50,000)
MUNDS, WILLIAM HENRY MUNDS late of Nottingham died there on 3 December 1996
(Estate about £9,000)
PEARSON, DORIS PEARSON SPINSTER late of Sheffield, South Yorkshire died there on 1 August 1995
(Estate about £5,300)
PIGGOTT, ANNIE FLORENCE PIGGOTT SPINSTER late of Fulham, London SW6 died there on 18 March 1997
(Estate about £14,000)
ROBERTS nee BROOKS, MONICA JOY ROBERTS nee BROOKS WIDOW late of Brighton, East Sussex died there on 25 October 1995
(Estate about £5,300)
SCORRELL nee BARTLETT, EDNA MAY SCORRELL nee BARTLETT WIDOW late of Havant, Hampshire died at Petersfield, Hampshire on 8 January 1997
(Estate about £18,000)
SMITH otherwise ROBERTS, MAURICE KEITH SMITH otherwise KEITH SMITH otherwise KEITH ROBERTS late of Godalming, Surrey died at Guildford, Surrey on 22 August 1996
(Estate about £5,500)
SPACEY, LEONARD GEORGE SPACEY late of North Wembley, Middlesex died there on 24 October 1995
(Estate about £100,000)
STACEY, GEORGE WALTER STACEY late of North Kensington, London W10 died there on 2 February 1997
(Estate about £40,000)
TOMBS nee KNILL, DORIS ANNIE TOMBS nee KNILL WIDOW late of Hereford died there on 28 November 1996
(Estate about £30,000)
TUTTLE, WILLIAM TUTTLE late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 21 January 1996
(Estate about £5,700)
WALKER, BARRIE WALKER late of Bristol, Avon died there on 12 February 1997
(Estate about £7,500)
WALLACE, WILLIAM WALLACE late of Rhyl, Denbighshire died there on 20 December 1994
(Estate about £8,000)
WREN, PATRICK DUDLEY WREN late of Cobham, Surrey died there on 23 April 1989
(Estate about £5,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
KING, THOMAS WILLIAM JOHN KING otherwise THOMAS KING late of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire died there on 31 January 1996
(Estate about £4,600)
The widow and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
GILL, HERBERT ENGLAND GILL late of Bristol, Avon died there on 11 November 1995
(Estate about £18,000)
GOODALE, DAVID EDWIN GOODALE late of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire died there on 11 September 1995
(Estate about £14,000)
GOSSAGE, AIMEE MABEL GOSSAGE SPINSTER late of Hatton, Warwickshire died at Warwick on 18 January 1997
(Estate about £123,000)
GRANTHAM nee LOCK, ELIZABETH MAUD GRANTHAM nee LOCK WIDOW late of Clapton, London E5 died at Hackney, London E9 on 16 January 1996
(Estate about £17,000)
GURTH, MARIE GURTH otherwise MARIE KARLA GURTH WIDOW late of Upper Norwood, London SE19 died there on 17 February 1996
(Estate about £67,000)
HAYES otherwise CAMPBELL, DENISE HAYES otherwise ESME NEVILLE CAMPBELL SPINSTER late of Westminster, London SW1 died there on 22 August 1994
(Estate about £12,000)
LEDVINKA, JOSEFINE LEDVINKA SPINSTER late of Brockley, London SE4 died there on 2 April 1995
(Estate about £6,000)
NIEN, HSU HSIN NIEN late of Canvey Island, Essex died there on 15 January 1997
(Estate about £60,000)
WALLIS, VERA WALLIS WIDOW late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 31 May 1996
(Estate about £5,900)
WRIGHT, CHARLES VICTOR WRIGHT late of Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire died there on 2 December 1995
(Estate about £11,500)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
COLLINS nee LANNAN, MAY COLLINS nee LANNAN late of Rowley Regis, West Midlands died there on 11 May 1995
(Estate about £7,000)
The husband and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
ADAM, JAMES ROBERT ADAM late of Cuffley, Hertfordshire died at Enfield, Middlesex on 1 April 1997
(Estate about £25,000)
ADAMS, ARTHUR WILLIAM ADAMS otherwise ARTHUR ADAMS late of Edmonton, London N18 died there on 14 October 1996
(Estate about £8,000)
ANDERSON, TERENCE NORMAN ANDERSON late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 18 July 1996
(Estate about £7,600)
BELL, ROY MORRISON BELL late of Watford, Hertfordshire died there on 19 February 1997
(Estate about £8,000)
BEREZNOWSKA nee BOZGO, BRONISLAWA BEREZNOWSKA nee BOZGO WIDOW late of Kineton, Warwickshire died there on 8 April 1996
(Estate about £17,000)
BETTS, PHYLLIS EVERILL BETTS SPINSTER late of Sudbury, Suffolk died there on 26 February 1995
(Estate about £5,000)
BLUNDELL, ELIZABETH CECILIA GEORGINA BLUNDELL WIDOW late of Teddington, Middlesex died at Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey on 13 September 1981
(Estate about £6,000)
COLE, BESSIE ANNIE EVA COLE otherwise ELIZABETH COLE SPINSTER late of Eastbourne, East Sussex died there on 27 February 1997
(Estate about £70,000)
COLEMAN nee KIGHTLEY, EMILY MARY COLEMAN nee KIGHTLEY WIDOW late of Rochford, Essex died there on 29 August 1965
(Estate about £26,000)
COX, GEORGE EDWARD COX late of Sittingbourne, Kent died at Gillingham, Kent on 12 March 1997
(Estate about £70,000)
DAWES, DORIS DAWES SPINSTER late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 1 August 1996
(Estate about £6,000)
DONOVAN, JOHN DONOVAN late of Kingston, Surrey died there on 1 November 1996
(Estate about £90,000)
GEORGE, CHARLES GEORGE late of Islington, London N1 died at Highgate, London N19 on 13 February 1996
(Estate about £12,000)

ELECTRICITY NOTICES

SCOTTISH HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLC

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT A COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT AT THE ICI RUNCORN WORKS, CHESHIRE

Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro-Electric plc has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to construct and operate a Combined Heat and Power Plant at the ICI Runcorn Works, Cheshire, and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The new plant to be known as the Runcorn CHP PLant, would have a capacity of approximately 140 Megawatts (MW).

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, is available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses:

Cheshire County Council, Commerce House, 2 Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2QP
Halton Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7QF
Shopping City/Halton Lea Library, Runcorn, WA7 2PF
ICI Chemicals and Polymers Ltd, Runcorn Site Headquarters, South Parade, Runcorn

In addition, copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained at a cost of £50 from The Barton Willmore Partnership, Intercell House, 1 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge, CB1 3EP while stocks last.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, ENF Division, Room 1.E.20, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET, stating the name of the plant and the grounds of objection, not later than July 15th 1997.

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(incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Mauritius)

Placing
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of up to 5,000,000 US$0.01 redeemable participating preference shares at a
Subscription price.
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The Sponsor:	The Placing Agent:
Robson Rhodes	Peregrine Securities (UK) Limited
186 City Road	10 Aldersgate Street
London EC1V 2NU	London EC1A 4HT

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Warrington County Court
Case No. SKY 18 of 1990
To Paul Clifford Reece and Anne Reece previously of 79 Rydall Street, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside.
TAKE NOTICE that an Order in the above matter has been made that the publication of a notice in "The Times Newspaper" and "The St Helens Star" shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Taxation Certificates on you.
Unless within 14 days of the publication of this notice you pay to the Applicant the costs of this action enforcement proceedings may be taken against you. Copies of the Taxation Certificates may be obtained from the solicitors mentioned below.
DATED the 1 day of July 1997
Hammond Suddards, Trinity Court, 16 John Dalton Street, Manchester, M60 8HS
Ref: CAXM/LAT.8-2

FLOYD CONSTRUCTION (GRAYS) LIMITED
Registered number: 2213196
Former company name: Waltham Construction Limited
Trading names: Floyd Construction (Grays) Limited
Nature of Business: General construction and demolition
Trade classification: 23
P C HOLDINGS LIMITED
Registered number: 02327087
Former company name: Floyd Construction Limited
Trading names: P C Holdings Limited
Nature of Business: Other business services
Trade classification: 38
FLOYD CONSTRUCTION (LONDON) LIMITED
Registered number: 1601665
Former company name: Chingford Construction Limited
Trading names: Floyd Construction (London) Limited
Nature of Business: General construction and demolition
Trade classification: 23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 25 June 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc
G S Kinlan and P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no(s) 8268 and 1788)
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA

Public Notice

MERCHANT SHIPPING (ACCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION) REGULATIONS 1994

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to regulation 6(4) of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 1994, the Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents has ordered an Inspector's Inquiry into the grounding of the cruise ship ALBATROS on 16 May 1997 off the Isles of Scilly, Cornwall.

Any persons who desire to make representations as evidence to the Inspector which would assist him in determining the circumstances and causes of the accident should write to the Inspector at the following address, no later than 14 days from the date of publication of this Notice:

Marine Accident Investigation Branch
Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions
5/7 Brunswick Place, Southampton
Hampshire SO15 2AN

Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions

LEGAL NOTICES

CRM INSURANCE SERVICES LIMITED
Take notice that the undersigned, Alan Kenningham & Alan Price of Holmes Watts, 4-6 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, were appointed Joint Liquidators of CRM Insurance Services Limited, by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 26th day of June 1997.
A D KENNINGHAM and A R Price, Joint Liquidators
Dated this 1st day of July 1997

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Bomber Command Association, RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, Hendon, London, NW9 5LL. Scheme for the Surplus Appeal Funds raised for the erection of the Sir Arthur Harris Memorial may be applied for the general purposes of the charity called Bomber Command Association.
Reference: MJB-69414-SC
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting the reference above.

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CRICKET: SMITH'S BEST EFFORTS ARE IN VAIN AS HAMPSHIRE PAY FOR SPORTING APPROACH IN NATWEST TROPHY

Glamorgan grateful for Udal's generosity

By Jack Bailey

SOUTHAMPTON (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan beat Hampshire by two wickets

ONE moment of rare generosity cost Hampshire dearly yesterday. Had Adrian Shaw not been called back by Shaun Udal after he had been given run out with his score on five, Hampshire could well have been celebrating a relatively comfortable win. Instead, acting under strong pressure from Steve James, Shaw's partner at the time, Udal — who said afterwards: "I thought good sportsmanship should prevail" — did the decent thing. Sometimes sportsmanship pays a heavy price.

Shaw went on to figure large as Glamorgan stole home with two balls to spare. He and James shared a match-winning partnership of 76 in ten overs that took the Welsh county within a few runs of victory. Shaw was there when the winning run was scored, while James won the man of the match award for his 69. It could so easily have gone to Robin Smith, of Hampshire, and, had the result been different, it surely would have. Smith's 119 was his seventh hundred in the competition, it was the mainstay of his team's effort and, in making it, he equalled the achievement of another Hampshire batsman — one Chris Smith, no less.

Not until the later stages of their innings, when Smith caught his second wind and Udal confirmed his status as a one-day batsman, did Hampshire threaten to set Glamorgan a daunting task. These two added most of the 86 runs put on during the last ten overs of Hampshire's innings. Glamorgan wilted like daffodils in the late spring, even after Smith was out, and Udal and Aymes, running like stags, kept up the pressure.

Before that, Smith was solid but not finding the gaps easily, especially against Croft, whose ended with figures of one for 12. Otherwise, he was comfortable enough, occasionally unleashing his characteristic cover slash from the good-length ball.

It was Thomas who had struck first. Hayden could plead bewilderment as the prime cause of his downfall for, when he came on for the day's ninth over, Thomas bowled wides on either side of the wicket with each of his first three balls. A bemused Hayden had, by then, forgotten the answer to the straight one and, half-forward, was leg-before.

Laney mixed the occasional excellent forcing stroke with a number of thick edges through the slip region and he was chasing against the bit when he tried to drive a ball that was not quite there, holing out comfortably at deep square leg — this immediately after Smith had sent up the hundred with his trademark, a crashing drive through the covers off the back foot.

Smith's century came from 135 balls. It included a long six over mid-wicket off Cottey and ten fours, and he added a further four boundaries before he was finally caught at mid-wicket.

By the time he was at last out, Hampshire were in sight of the magical 300. Udal was in full command and saw to it that Hampshire's 302 was achieved.

Thanks to admirable, unhurried, yet forceful batting by Morris and Dale, Glamorgan made an excellent beginning to their quest for 303 runs to win. Croft, who has made a speciality of pinch-hitting this season, left almost before he had taken guard, but the next wicket did not fall until 128 runs had been scored from 27 overs. Dale's 71 from 95 balls had put Glamorgan in the hunt and an innings of similar tempo from Morris ensured that they stayed there.

Then Maynard chipped in and, finally, James, then Shaw, saw them home. Shaw's reprieve was a result of Udal not gathering a throw-in before breaking the wicket with Shaw out of his ground. On he went, hitting Renshaw for a flat six over extra cover, during an over that cost 15 vital runs and, although James and Thomas bit the dust, Shaw remained steadfast and productive to the end.

TOM HEVEZI

Smith strikes one of his trademark cuts on the way to 119 for Hampshire at Southampton yesterday

Sutcliffe's lone stand cannot deny Yorkshire

By Richard Hobson

LEICESTER (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by 128 runs

GRACE Road witnessed some splendid cricket yesterday, but too much of it flowed from one side for the game to be competitive — not that Leicestershire's supine efforts will concern Yorkshire, whose ambitions of improving on last season, when they reached the semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy, appear well grounded.

When the counties had met on the same ground in the Axa Life League four days ago, Leicestershire totalled 298 for nine from 40 overs. The contest was tied. This time, chasing 311 in 60, they collapsed to 14 for three and only Sutcliffe among the top order emerged with any credit thereafter as Leicestershire were dismissed for 182 with 12.4 overs remaining.

Wells and Whitaker were beaten for pace by Gough before Maddy chopped on attempting to steer Silverwood to third man. Johnson scored equally low marks for artistic impression in top-edging a reverse sweep against Stemp. Smith chipped to mid-wicket.

Sutcliffe, a tall left-hander born in Leeds, and Mason added 87 in 15 overs before the latter lost his off stump to Hartley. In marrying style and aggression, Sutcliffe was approaching a second successive hundred in the competition when he yorked himself by moving out of the crease to Stemp. He compiled 90 from 125 balls, with most of his runs accrued in an atmosphere of impending defeat.

In contrast, three of Yorkshire's batsmen passed 50 and the innings included as many partnerships that could be described as substantial. Moxon and McGrath overcame a testing new-ball spell from Mullally and Millns in posting 66 before McGrath pushed ineffectually at an outswinger from Parsons. Byas inside-edged on to his stumps and Lehmann drove a wide ball to cover.

By the time that Moxon became Parsons's third victim, White was approaching his form of last Sunday, when he scored 148 from the same attack. This time, he finished unbeaten four short of a second century, having faced 102 balls. White duly received the man-of-the-match award from David Gower, though Parker must have pushed him a close second for a belligerent 69.

Adams and Malcolm in no mood for mercy

By John Thicknesse

DERBY (Northamptonshire won toss): Derbyshire beat Northamptonshire by 144 runs

HAMMERED by Chris Adams and Kim Barnett when they bowled and torn apart by Devon Malcolm when they batted, Northamptonshire were overwhelmed at Derby in the NatWest Trophy second round yesterday. From the way that they played, they could have expected nothing better.

Impressive as Derbyshire looked, there is a good chance that they were flattered. The truth was that, until Pemberthy and Snape added 97 for the Northamptonshire seventh wicket, Derbyshire were offered no resistance.

Malcolm was made man of the match, taking five wickets in his first six overs and seven wickets overall for 35 runs. On many other days, though, the award would have gone to Adams, whose 101 gave Derbyshire a grip that was unlikely to be broken.

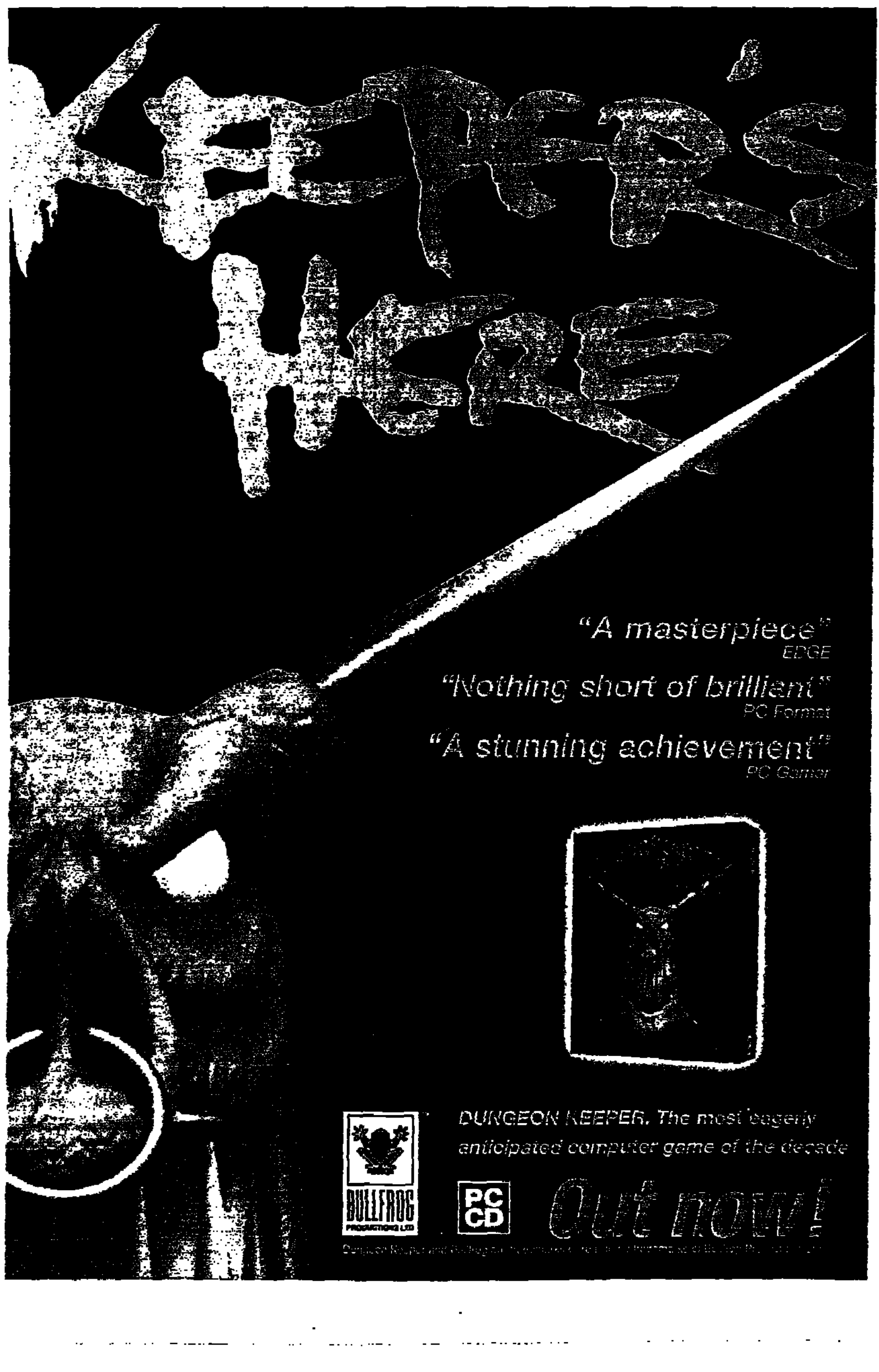
Barnett also played some great strokes; but that he faced 39 more balls than Adams, 156 compared with 117, told the story of the latter's impact. Adams hit ten fours and a six and got out, it seemed, only because he had had enough of the stupefying heat.

When Bailey put Derbyshire in on winning the toss, it looked as though he hoped that the new ball would swing. Mohammad Akram, Taylor, Curran and Pemberthy used it in such an amateurish way, however, that well inside an hour as likely as explanation appeared to be that there was no target that Bailey could be confident of defending had Northamptonshire batted.

Among other sins, his seam bowlers conceded 17 wides in 15 overs, a fair indication of their lack of control.

In 40 minutes, Malcolm vividly destroyed any chance that Northamptonshire had of scoring 325. He flattened Warren's off stump with his third ball, had Loye caught at slip in his second over, yorked Curran in his fifth and in the next dismissed Sales and Walton with successive balls.

At 29 for five, Northamptonshire, having conceded a bigger total than in 33 previous seasons of 60-over cricket, looked in danger of completing an unwanted double by being bowled out for their lowest Gillette or NatWest score. Snape put paid to that with four fours in an over by Aldred.



Anthony delivers a harsh lesson

By Barney Spender

SHENLEY PARK (first day of three; Pakistan A won toss): MCC, with five wickets in hand, are 157 runs ahead of Pakistan A

THERE is much talk of Shenley becoming the venue for a national cricket academy designed for the greater good of the English game, but, yesterday, amid the rolling cornfields and sunshine, it was the cream of Pakistan's youth who were in the classroom and Keith Arthurton and Hamish Anthony, two West Indians, giving the lessons.

The Pakistanis, after reasonably electing to bat first, singularly failed to come to terms with the early movement on a perfect batting pitch. Only three batsmen reached double figures and even Hasan Raza, much-vaunted at 15, could only manage three before edging Anthony to Mark Garaway, Hampshire's reserve wicket-keeper, the only English-born player taking part and, indeed, the only county player.

Only Saleem Elahi showed any permanence; sticking around for almost three hours for his 53. Anthony, meanwhile, was in fine form, his brisk pace eliciting bounce and movement and he finished with six for 34.

MCC lost Mark Lavender, the Australian, to the first ball of their reply, but the experienced Test pair of Grant Flower and Arthurton soon put the Pakistanis' meagre 119 in perspective. They added 186 for the second wicket in 34 overs before Flower was caught behind. Arthurton marched on to an irresistible hundred from 124 balls.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND, Ohio: All-star game: American League 3 National League 1

BOWLS

EBA UNDER-25 TWO FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional finals: At Yeovil: Semi-finals: Devon bt Somerset 36-34, Dorset bt Gloucestershire 37-32. Final: Devon bt Dorset 46-32. At Northallerton: Semi-finals: Lincolnshire bt Nottinghamshire 48-34. Cumbria bt Northumberland 50-29. Final: Lincolnshire bt Cumbria 48-33. At Bedford Borough: Semi-finals: Northamptonshire bt Hertfordshire 41-40. Essex bt Huntingdonshire 42-33. Final: Northamptonshire bt Essex 36-35. At Wendover and Chiltern Hills: Semi-finals: Kent bt Oxfordshire 40-28. Sussex bt Buckinghamshire 40-36. Final: Kent bt Sussex 50-25.
EWBA INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (Johns Trophy): Quarter-finals: Yorkshire bt Cumbria 115-103. Norfolk bt Oxfordshire 130-104; Somerset bt Wiltshire 141-90. Surrey bt Middlesex 134-94.

CANOEING

SLOVAKIA: World championship: Men: K1: 1, M Kolar (Austria) 232.70pts; 2, T Becker (Ger) 234.52; 3, F Matusic (Slovakia) 234.72; 4, S Pearce (GB) 238.93. C1: 1, M Martikan (Slovakia) 241.17pts; 2, P Estanguet (Fr) 241.27; 3, S Jacob (Ger) 253.89; 4, G Marriott (GB) 256.08. C2: 1, M Kuban and M Olejnik (Slovakia) 259.29pts; 2, K Simek and J Rohan (Cz) 264.96; 3, L and P Soska (Slovakia) 270.00. British: 12, S Bowman and N Smith 386.70. Women: K1: 1, L Simpson (GB) 269.41pts; 2, I Pavelkova (Cz) 273.34; 3, K Strepecka (Ger) 278.96. Other British: 12, C Heather 457.82.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Northampton: Northamptonshire 556 (K G Innes 194, G P Swann 106, C J Capel 85). Essex 224 and 74-1. First day of three: Chesterfield: Derbyshire 348-7 (J E Owen 93, S D Stubbings 74, M J Vandrau 64 not out, S P Griffiths 59) v Durham. Clevedon: Somerset 246 (H Morgan 51, S Milburn 4-48). Hampshire 55-3. Haslingden: Lancashire 365-7 dec (M E Harvey 92, J J Haynes 71 not out, R J Green 53, N T Wood 50). Kent 44-0. Horsham: Sussex 293 (R K Rao 121, J R Carpenter 83, L P Collins 5-78). Gloucestershire 34-1. Harrogate: Yorkshire 336-6 (R A Kettleborough 133, C A Chapman 63, R Robinson 55) v Middlesex.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Fenner's: Cambridgeshire 217-8 and 219 (A R Roberts 5-72, C P Degnan 4-54). Bedfordshire 237-4 and 194 (D J M Mercer 89, J D R Benson 4-21). Cambridgeshire won by two runs. Hertford: Cumberland 215-4 and 117-4. Hertfordshire 35-1 and 295 (S March 53). Cumberland won by two runs.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British Open: Singles: Third round: R Bamford bt K M H Aiton -25, +25, +3. C Southern bt I G Vincent -18, +23, +14. Doubles: First round: Avery and Goodt bt Farthing and Palmere -4tp, +23, +11: Bamford and Mulliner bt Brown and Carongley +17tp, +26tp: Cornish and Maugham bt Burridge and Heap +26tp, +10: Clarke and Fulford bt Hilditch and Murray +26, +24stp. Second round: Bamford and Mulliner bt Carlisle and Carlisle +24, +21: Dawson and Wiggins bt Bennett and J Smith +19tp, +25tp; Cornish and Maugham bt Browne and Guest +15tp, +16tp.

EQUESTRIANISM

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire: The Savernake Forest trials: The Kerne Security Group Advanced: 1, Watermark III (P Beckett, GB) 42pts; 2, Optimist (A Nicholson, NZ) 45; 3, General Jock (K Gifford, GB) 46.

FOOTBALL

RIO DE JANEIRO CHAMPIONSHIP: Final play-offs: First match: Vasco da Gama 1 Botafogo 0. Second match: Botafogo 1 Vasco da Gama 0

GLIDING

ENSTONE, Oxfordshire: National open championships: Second day (307km quad, eight completions of 30): 1, D Innes (Nimbus 3) 78.2kph, 1,000pts; 2, P Sheard (ASH25) 75.5, 986; 3, R Cheetham (ASH25) 75.3, 965; 4, K Harley (ASW20BL) 66.5, 940; 5, R Smith (ASH25) 66.1, 938. Third day (241km quad, 13 completions of 30): 1, R Jones (Nimbus 4) 97.6kph, 986; 2, Cheetham 92.8, 952; 3, Sheard 92, 946; 4, P Harvey (ASH25) 91.7, 944; 5, Innes 88.5, 923. Fourth day (272km quad, no completions): 1, Harvey 232.4km, 647pts; 2, E Lysakowski (Nimbus 3D) 231.4, 644; 3, M Throssell (Nimbus C) 217.9, 606; 4, Cheetham 211.8, 589; 5 equal, Sheard, R Kalin (Nimbus 3T) and Jones (Nimbus 4) 204.47, 566. Leading overall positions: 1, Cheetham 3,520pts; 2, Sheard 3,493; 3, Innes 3,415; 4, Harvey 3,167; 5, Throssell 3,046.

GOLF

NORDE CENTRE, Finland: European women's team championship: First strokeplay qualifying round: 362: Spain. France 363: Italy, Denmark, England (E Ratcliffe 69, R Hudson 73, K Rostron 73, K Stupples 74, K Burton 74. Discarded: F Brown 77). 364: Wales (E Pilgrim 70, R Morgan 72, N Evans 74, H Lawson 74, L Davis 74. Discarded: V Thomas 75). 368: Sweden, Scotland (J Moodie 69, H Monaghan 74, A Laing 74, S McMaster 75, L Nicholson 76. A Rose 78). 374: Switzerland. Ireland (S Farragar 73, A O'Sullivan 74, E R Power 75, A Coffey 76, H Kavanagh 76, M McGreevy 78). 376: Austria. 377: Germany. 382: Belgium. 385: Holland. 386: Finland. 396: Czech Republic.

NETBALL

WALSALL: National junior championships: Under-14: 1, Oldham; 2, Oakway Hart (Durham); 3, Essex Open. Under-16: 1, Tomford (Hertfordshire); 2, Trafford (Manchester); 3, Manor (Essex).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 26 Lancashire Lynx 12

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

US Dev XV 23 Wales XV 55

United States Development XV: Tries: Holtzman, Shuman. Cons: Fleckton 2. Pens: Fleckton 3. Wales XV: Tries: A Moore 2, Back 2, J Lewis 2, James 2, Appleyard. Cons: Jarvis 5.

(in San Francisco)

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Australia under-21, Saturday, Sydney Football Stadium): C Catling (Gloucester); P Sampson (Wasps), M Perry (Bath), F Waters (Bristol), T Beim (Sale), J Lewsey (Bristol), M Wood (Wasps); M Worsley (Orrell), A Long (Bath), D Barnes (West Hartlepool), P Gustard (Leicester, captain), D Zaltzman (Saracens), R Winters (Bedford), N Spence (Rotherham), J Worsley (Wasps).

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg (Boston to Southampton): Latest positions (with miles to Southampton, as at 14.02GMT yesterday): 1, Group 4 1,284; 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior 1,288; 3, Concert 1,318; 4, Save The Children 1,347; 5, Commercial Union 1,348; 6, 3Com 1,374; 7, Ocean Rover 1,396; 8, Courtaulds International 1,406; 9, Nuclear Electric 1,407; 10, Heath Insured II 1,419; 11, Motorola 1,420; 12, Pause To Remember 1,451; 13, Global Teamwork 1,457; 14, Time & Tide 1,494.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: British Commonwealth RC Open championship: Commonwealth aggregate: 1, P Kent 417.58pts; 2, Zainal (Malaysia) 416.56; 3, P Bromley 416.54. Barker Shoes aggregate: 1, Kent 174.28; 2, R Roberts 173.26; 3, P Patel 172.26. Dominion aggregate: 1, J Bellinger 200.32; 2, R Grisenthwaite 199.30; 3, H Berman (Aus) 199.30. Ceylon aggregate (800, 900 and 1,000yds): 1, R Matthews (Aus) 219.30; 2, Kent 218.30; 3, Roberts 218.30. West Indies Trophy (300yds): A Ringer 50.10. India Trophy (500yds): A Pearse 50.10. Africa Trophy (500yds): Bromley 50.10. Canada Trophy (600yds): S Peden (Malaysia) 50.10. Falklands Trophy (800yds): Brown 75.15. Australia Trophy (900yds): D Huslin 75.9. New Zealand Trophy (1,000yds): J Lewis 74.10. Territorial Army Championships: China Cup (section match): 1, 3 Cheshire 519; 2, 3 PWO 503; 3, 3 Highlanders 501. Volongdis Trophy (LMG): 1, Cpl M Keeling (3 Cheshire) 159; 2, Cpl W McMillan (3 Highlanders) 157; 3, Fus P Tait (6 RRF) 153. Dragon Trophy (unit championship): 1, 3 Cheshire 324; 2, 7 LI 318; 3, 3 Highlanders 308. Royal Navy Reserve Championships: Champion at Arms: 1, L/S N Raddle (HMS Vivid) 396; 2, S/Lt Bevan (HMS Vivid) 389; 3, Cook Porter 357. Wrens Championship: 1, L/Wren Staffel (HMS Vivid). Duke of Westminster Trophy: 1, HMS Vivid 482; 2, Cambridge Univ RNR 400; 3, HMS President 380. Cook of the Fleet Trophy: 1, HMS Vivid 38; 2, HMS President 34. NRA Services Meeting: LMG Trophy: 1, Keeling 158; 2, McMillan 157; 3, Sgt T Spencer (7 LI) 148. Inter-universities (OTC): 1, Exeter 1,313; 2, Tayforth 1,239; 3, Cambridge 1,160. Bisley Bullet Trophy (300yds): 1, Cpl Salim (Oman) 48; 2 equal, WO Musabah (Oman) and Cpl J Daigle (Can) 47.

SPEEDWAY

ENGLAND SQUAD (v Australia, Belle Vue, tomorrow): J Screen (Bradford), M Dugard (Eastbourne), C Louis (Ipswich), K Tatum (Peterborough), M Loram (Bradford), D Barker (Eastbourne), G Havelock (Bradford).
AMATEUR LEAGUE: St Austell 37 Buxton 41

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Challenger tournament: First round: V Snyman (SA) bt A Parma (It) 7-5, 6-3; J van Lottum (Holl) bt N Behr (Isr) 6-3, 7-5; J Knowle (Aus) bt R Weidenfeld (Isr) 6-1, 6-2; J Delgado (GB) bt S Draper (Aus) 7-5, 1-6, 7-5; M Navarra (It) bt F Veglio (Switz) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; M Petchey bt D van Uffelen (Bel) 7-5, 7-6; A Hunt (NZ) bt S Randjelovic (Aus) 7-6, 7-5.
BASTAD, Sweden: Men's tournament: First round: T Nydahl (Swe) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; P Fredriksson (Swe) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-2, 7-6; C Costa (Sp) bt A Pavel (Rom) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; A Voinea (Rom) bt J Golmard (Fr) 4-3 ret; S Dosedel (Cz) bt D van Scheppingen (Holl) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; J A Marin (Sp) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 7-6, 7-5; F Meligeni (Br) bt F Squillari (Arg) 7-6, 6-3; M Senstrand (Swe) bt T Johansson (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Craca (Ger) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-4, 7-5; M Norman (Swe) bt N Kulti (Swe) 6-4, 7-5; J Tarango (US) bt H Andersson (Swe) 6-1, 6-2; M Filippini (Uru) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt M A Gorriz (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt N Timfjord (Swe) 6-3, 6-2; F Dewulf (Bel) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-4, 6-0. Second round: Nydahl bt Meligeni 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Kucera bt Dosedel 7-6, 6-3; Marin bt Dewulf 6-2, 1-6, 7-6; Larsson bt Dreekmann 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.
GSTAAD, Switzerland: Men's tournament: First round: F Mantilla (Sp) bt L Arnold (Arg) 7-5, 6-1; W Ferreira (SA) bt F Clavet (Sp) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; D Hrbaty (Slovakia) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt J Novak (Cz) 6-3, 7-5; R Reneberg (US) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; J A Viloca (Sp) bt I Heuberger (Switz) 6-3, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt P Cash (Aus) 6-3, 6-1; R Furlan (It) bt M Goellner (Ger) 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt B Madsen (Holl) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt J Oncins (Br) 6-4, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 6-3; A Berasategui (Sp) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; F Vicente (Sp) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-2, 6-1; G Blanco (Sp) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; C Pioline (Fr) bt F Santoro (Fr) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; N Kiefer (Ger) bt T Champion (Fr) 2-6, 7-6, 6-4. Second round: Ferreira bt Vicente 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sánchez bt Bruguera 7-6, 6-2; Rosset bt Hrbaty 7-6, 6-3; Mantilla bt Blanco 7-6, 6-2.
FELIXSTOWE: Women's satellite tournament: First round: L Woodroffe (GB) bt G Niland (Ire) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; N Egorova (Russ) bt S Slar (Tun) 6-2, 6-0; S de Beer (SA) bt A Jensen (Aus) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; L Perkins (GB) bt E Jelfs (GB) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; A Janes (GB) bt U Svetlik (Austria) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Second round: Egorova bt Woodroffe 6-4, 6-4; De Beer bt Perkins 6-3, 7-5; S Stanley (Aus) bt T Obziler (Isr) 1-6, 7-6, 7-6; N Grandin (SA) bt H Matthews (GB) 6-4, 6-3; K Cross (GB) bt L Ogan (GB) 6-2, 6-1; Janes bt M Malhotra (India) 6-3, 6-2; H Crook (GB) bt J Ward (GB) 6-3, 6-2; J Lutrova (Russ) bt V Davies (GB) 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 21pts £96,518.85, 20 £208.45, 19 £31.05, 18 £2.65. Half-time: 23pts £2.65. Four draws (paid on three): £17.15. Ten homes: £4.00. Six aways: £1.00.
VERNONS: Treble chance: 21pts £20,682.80, 20 £121.05, 19 £25.10.
ZETTERS: Treble chance (three dividends only): 21pts £5,772, 20 £24.05, 19 £2.75. Three draws: £51.20. Eight homes: £0.60. Six aways: £0.60. Lucky numbers: 18 17 3 37 2 36.

Sutcliffe's lone stand cannot deny Yorkshire

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CRICKET: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TAKE ADVANTAGE TO REACH NATWEST TROPHY QUARTER-FINALS

Old pals act proves too much for Reeve

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire beat Somerset by 11 runs

NO ONE is more intimate than Dermot Reeve with the route to improbable one-day victories. Time after time, it seemed, he knew when to throw the ball to Gladstone Small or Allan Donald to pull a match out of the fire for Warwickshire. It happened again yesterday, but, for Reeve, it was pure agony.

Returning to Edgbaston for the first time since moving into coaching with Somerset, Reeve had to sit and watch — something which he confesses to hating — as Small and Donald, the bowlers on which his captaincy was built, tilted this fluctuating NatWest Trophy tie Warwickshire's way.

Somerset were ascendant at 135 for two, needing 86 from 20 overs, but Small, in his eighteenth season with Warwickshire and defying creaking joints with undiminished enthusiasm, took Reeve down a memory lane he had no wish to revisit. His spell of three for six in 21 balls effectively won the game and Donald came back just to mop up the pieces.

It was rough luck on Simon Ecclestone, whose 87 was by some distance the best innings of the game, but he received too little support from the other senior batsmen and it took a last-wicket stand of 16 to take Somerset so close.

For much of this match, it seemed that the teams were intent on extending the playing hours in order to practice for their floodlit fixture here in two weeks' time. The over-rate was deplorable, Somerset managing only 32 before lunch and Warwickshire dawdling through 20 overs in 90 minutes.

This set the tone for some torpid cricket, though the lack of commanding batting could partly be explained by the variable pace and bounce. It was not a surface to promote decent one-day cricket.

Graham Rose soon illustrated the unevenness, dismissing both openers in his first six overs. Hemp and Ostler shared 58 in 14 overs for the third wicket, some of the most convincing batting of the game, and until Ostler lost went in the 37th over, with the total 146, Warwickshire looked bound for something well above par.

His wicket had fallen to Keith Parsons, who bowled his seamers to great effect. Brown and Giles were drawn into mistakes outside off stump and with Mushtaq Ahmed worrying away from the other end, defying discomfort from his gammy knee, the innings went into decline.

Reeve sent out not one, but two, former Warwickshire men to open the innings. Burns did not linger, caught at second slip in the second over, but Holloway remained becalmed while the majority of the early runs came from extras, Donald and Small unable to control the new ball.

Ecclestone, who has always looked a batsman capable of far more than he has achieved, joined Holloway in the 16th over and passed his score in the 20th. While he struck the ball cleanly, including a six over square-leg off Smith, Holloway scratched and scrambled in a way that Warwickshire clearly found maddening.

The crawl would have been vindicated if he had seen it through with Ecclestone but, from the first ball of Small's second and crucial spell, he was caught behind. The match had taken its vital turn.

Complacent Surrey self-destruct

By Simon Wilde

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by 22 runs

HOW on earth did Surrey lose this match? They will be asking this question at the Oval for a long time, way beyond the Benson and Hedges Cup final against Kent on Saturday, a game which Surrey will now do well to win after this severe jolt to the system.

Chasing a seemingly insignificant target of 176, they were 72 for one at one stage and apparently cruising to the hollowest of victories, Nottinghamshire having failed to enter the game. From that point on, however, they stumbled inexplicably — as they have done before in knockout matches on their home ground. They somehow contrived to lose their last nine wickets for 82 runs although Nottinghamshire, to their credit, when they finally saw an opening, made Surrey fight every inch of the way.

The inevitable assumption is that Surrey underestimated opponents who are as colourless as they are colourful, boast only two internationals to their ten, and are the targets, sometimes deservedly, of barbed criticism.

Nathan Astle won the man-of-the-match award for his fighting 56 that breathed much-needed life into the Nottinghamshire innings and, later, bowling his medium-pace so tightly on a lively pitch of uneven bounce that he conceded only 12 runs in ten overs.

No less important, however, was the contribution of Chris Tolley, readily identified as the prototype of the journeyman cricketer after seven unexceptional seasons with Worcestershire and two at Trent Bridge. He played the supporting role in the biggest stand of the match — of 68 with Astle. Later, Tolley claimed the key wickets of Butcher, Thorpe and Brown with his slanted left-arm seamers to leave Surrey tottering at 100 for five.

It was at that juncture that Surrey changed their tactics — surprisingly, in view of the fact that Adam Hollioake, their captain, and Lewis were at the wicket — and attempted to chip out the remaining runs. In the event, they became virtually becalmed and surrendered all hope.

Survival had been a perilous business all day — Astle was the only man to score more than 35 — and prodding and poking around was not the answer. Hollioake spent ten overs scoring seven runs, Lewis 13 in making 15 before becoming yet another batsman brought down by the perplexing bounce.

Only some spirited play from Bicknell and Saqlain Mushtaq, the last pair for Surrey, reduced the magnitude of the defeat.

When all is said and done, Surrey had only themselves to blame. Butcher dropped Astle before he had scored; had he held a regulation catch, then Nottinghamshire would have been 12 for four and Bicknell, who bowled beautifully, would have had a third wicket.

Nor did the Surrey batsmen's shot selection bear scrutiny. Thorpe, out third ball for his second successive duck in the competition, and Adam Hollioake were both caught failing to control cuts, while Brown unwisely dabbed at a ball well outside off stump and Stewart checked a pull and looped the ball into the hands of Johnson, at extra cover.

At least Stewart, along with Butcher and Brown — who straight drove Bates for six the over before he was out — had attempted to take their side home in positive fashion.

As the wickets tumbled, however, it was rather late in the day for Surrey — who won the toss and chose to field — to blame the pitch, for they had every reason to know how it would play. With two strips to chose from, they opted for the one that offered turn and bounce for their spinners, Salisbury and Saqlain, who duly returned combined figures of five for 62 from 20.1 overs. Bates, the only Nottinghamshire spinner, finished wicketless.

Yet still Surrey lost. "It is the most disappointing loss I have played in here," Adam Hollioake said.

STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Astle, the Nottinghamshire match-winner, takes evasive action during his innings

All-round Kallis rips up Lynch's sure foundation

By Michael Henderson

UXBRIDGE (Gloucestershire won toss): Middlesex beat Gloucestershire by four wickets

A SPLENDID century by Jacques Kallis, the all-rounder from Cape Town, and 79 unbeaten runs from Jason Pooley, his best score in the competition, carried Middlesex to a fine victory in a well-contested match. Kallis, 21, who also took four wickets with his medium pacers, was named the man of it, ahead of Monte Lynch, who also made a marvellous hundred.

When Mike Gatting was leg-before to Mark Alleyne in the second over after tea, the game lay in the balance. On a grassless pitch, used for the championship match against Lancashire last week, Gloucestershire had chosen to make their runs first, hoping that their spinners, Ball and Davis, would profit later. Middlesex, however, had the measure of their task, and won with three balls to spare when Pooley found the onside boundary.

Kallis played with great composure for his hundred, made from 138 balls with six fours and three sixes. He went to fifty with the first of them, reverse swept in the most astonishing manner against the drift of Ball's off spin. To prove this was a legitimate, controlled stroke, he replicated it two balls later. When a batsman plays like that, a bowler must feel powerless.

Ramprakash, missed by Russell on 20, had earlier made 42 handsome runs before he was bowled, advancing to drive Ball. After Gatting's departure, Kallis found a steady ally in the left-handed Pooley, who saw the job through despite a wobble or two. Brown was caught behind down the leg side and Shah was well held on the run by Ball at deep square leg.

Kallis proved to be the match-winner, and, in a match as good as this, it was an honour worth winning. He also reprieved his captain for, if Middlesex had lost, there would have been mutterings about Tufnell's absence on such a bare pitch, on which the spinners bowled no fewer than 52 overs. Johnson, selected ahead of him, was held back until the 53rd over as Middlesex fiddled seven bowlers, including Ramprakash himself.

To make as many as 277 for nine, when their fourth wicket went down for 76 in the 22nd over, Gloucestershire did very well. The foundation stone of their recovery was laid by Lynch and Alleyne, who shared 116 runs for the fifth wicket. Lynch then added 59 in seven overs with Russell before he drove Kallis to extra cover, where Dutch, who had dropped him on 98, compensated for his error.

Lynch played wonderfully well, considering that he can hardly raise a gallop. The second fifty of his match-making hundred came from 29 balls, and included two sixes, a straight hit off Weekes, and a glorious pick-up over midwicket that put Fraser into the neighbouring road.

Gloucestershire will kick themselves that they failed to make the additional 20 runs they really should have found from the fag-end of their innings. By dismissing Lynch with five overs left, Kallis did most to ensure that they did not. For one so young, he is an exceedingly handy cricketer.

Essex again indebted to inspirational Law

By Pat Gibson

CHELMSFORD (Worcestershire won toss): Essex beat Worcestershire by seven wickets

ESSEX, players and supporters alike, rub their eyes in disbelief almost every time they watch Stuart Law bat. They simply cannot understand why he is *playing for them and not Australia* when he can score centuries like he did yesterday to give them a surprisingly straightforward passage into the quarter-finals of the NatWest Trophy.

They feared the worst when Graeme Hick, who may have had his limitations exposed at Test level but remains a considerable force in county cricket, had enabled Worcestershire to set them a target of 287 with a majestic century of his own — and especially after Paul Prichard and Nasser Hussain had perished in the first five overs.

Law put them at their ease. He made 100 out of 141 and so demoralised a weakened Worcestershire attack that Ronnie Irani and Paul Grayson had few problems in easing Essex to victory with an unbroken fourth-wicket partnership of 136 in 29 overs. They got home with 15 balls to spare.

Amazingly, Trevor Bailey gave the man-of-the-match award to Irani, who, to be fair to him, had played with great common sense in giving Law the strike whenever he could, but almost everyone else on the ground knew who the match-winner was. Law has been bristling with indignation ever since he was left out of the Australian tour party and he hammers home his message at every opportunity.

He could hardly have had a greater challenge yesterday. Worcestershire had lost the dangerous Moody in a testing opening spell from Williams, deputising for the injured Ilott but Hick seemed to be back to his old self. He did survive a couple of confident shouts for leg-before but then accelerated smoothly to 146, hitting five sixes, one of which struck a lady sitting in *fron the pavilion,* and ten fours.

Curtis and Spiring gave him good support in stands of 91 and 121 so that when Hick, having just thrashed 26 in one over from Grayson, holed out to long on and hurried off to make sure the casualty was alright, Worcestershire were eyeing a total in excess of 300. They did not quite get there, losing six wickets for 17 runs in the mayhem of the final three overs, but it did not seem to matter too much when Prichard was caught behind driving at Sheriyar and Hussain clipped Newport to square leg.

It has not gone unnoticed among the Essex faithful that while Hussain's England place is secure, Hick has not been contributing too much to their cause lately. Nor was their mood improved by the fact that Graham Gooch was not playing, either, on the grounds that one-day cricket is a young man's game.

All their gripes were forgotten, however, once Law got into his imperious stride. The Worcestershire bowling was treated with contempt as he went to his 100 off only 89 balls with two sixes and 11 fours. Then, as if satisfied that his job was done, he drove Solanki to long on and left Irani and Grayson to complete the formalities. They did it with aplomb, Irani finishing on 79 and Grayson on 82.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

NatWest Trophy
Second round

Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

DERBY (Northamptonshire won toss): Derbyshire beat Northamptonshire by 144 runs

DERBYSHIRE	
A S Rollins c Sales b Taylor	6
M R May c Warren b Mohammad	5
C J Adams st Warren b Bailey	101
K J Barnett c Love b Emburey	111
G A Khan c Penberthy b Taylor	19
*P A J DeFreitas c Loye b Bailey	24
V P Clarke not out	24
†K M Krikken c Love b Bailey	1
P Aldred not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 21)	33
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	324

K J Dean and D E Malcolm did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-18, 2-25, 3-208, 4-254, 5-294, 6-301, 7-319

BOWLING Mohammad Akram 12-2-42-1, Taylor 9-0-52-2, Curran 4-0-23-0, Penberthy 2-0-25-0, Emburey 12-0-61-1, Snape 12-0-56-0, Bailey 9-0-55-3

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	
M B Loye c Clarke b Malcolm	2
†R J Warren b Malcolm	0
*R J Bailey lbw b Dean	23
K M Curran b Malcolm	9
D J G Sales c DeFreitas b Malcolm	0
T C Walton lbw b Malcolm	0
A L Penberthy lbw b Malcolm	62
J N Snape b DeFreitas	54
J E Emburey b Clarke	1
J P Taylor b Malcolm	6
Mohammad Akram not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 13)	23
Total (48.1 overs)	180

FALL OF WICKETS 1-7, 2-8, 3-24, 4-29, 5-29, 6-52, 7-149, 8-160, 9-179

BOWLING Malcolm 10.1-1-35-7, DeFreitas 12-0-29-1, Dean 9-2-24-1, Aldred 7-0-34-0, Clarke 10-1-36-1

Man of the match: D E Malcolm

Umpires: J W Holder and A Clarkson

Essex v Worcestershire

CHELMSFORD (Worcestershire won toss): Essex beat Worcestershire by seven wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE	
*T M Moody lbw b Williams	6
T S Curtis b Such	41
G A Hick c Grayson b Cowan	146
K R Spiring lbw b Grayson	47
D A Leatherdale b Irani	9
V S Solanki c Williams b Cowan	6
S R Lampitt b Irani	0
†S J Rhodes not out	7
P J Newport run out	2
A Sheriyar run out	0
Extras (lb 12, w 4, nb 6)	22
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	286

R J Chapman did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-102, 3-223, 4-269, 5-275, 6-275, 7-280, 8-286, 9-286

BOWLING Williams 12-4-41-1, Cowan 12-0-50-2, S G Law 4-0-19-0, Irani 12-1-61-2, Such 10-1-27-1, Grayson 10-0-76-1

ESSEX	
*P J Prichard c Rhodes b Sheriyar	1
S G Law c Lampitt b Solanki	100
N Hussain c Spiring b Newport	1
R C Irani not out	79
A P Grayson not out	82
Extras (lb 10, w 8, nb 6)	24
Total (3 wkts, 57.3 overs)	287

D D J Robinson, D R Law, †R J Rollins, A P Cowan, N F Williams and P M Such did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-10, 2-19, 3-151

BOWLING Newport 6-0-32-1, Sheriyar 8-0-39-1, Moody 8-0-35-0, Lampitt 7-0-44-0, Hick 12-0-40-0, Leatherdale 6-0-36-0, Solanki 10.3-0-51-1

Man of the match: R C Irani

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White

Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan beat Hampshire by two wickets

HAMPSHIRE	
J S Laney c James b Dale	35
M L Hayden lbw b Thomas	20
R A Smith c Maynard b Thomas	119
M Keech c Morris b Waqar	34
W S Kendall c Cottey b Watkin	16
*J P Stephenson lbw b Croft	1
S D Udal not out	39
†A N Aymes not out	11
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 14)	27
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs)	302

R J Maru, S J Renshaw and C A Connor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-101, 3-149, 4-193, 5-194, 6-277

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 12-0-62-1, Watkin 12-1-44-1, Thomas 11-0-70-2, Croft 12-1-30-1, Dale 9-0-61-1, Cottey 4-0-22-0.

GLAMORGAN	
R D B Croft c Laney b Renshaw	0
H Morris run out	53
A Dale c Aymes b Connor	71
*M P Maynard c Keech b Stephenson	30
P A Cottey c Hayden b Stephenson	5
S P James c Aymes b Connor	69
G P Butcher c Aymes b Stephenson	11
†A D Shaw not out	34
S D Thomas c Udal b Renshaw	1
Waqar Younis not out	8
Extras (lb 12, w 10)	22
Total (8 wkts, 59.4 overs)	304

S L Watkin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-128, 3-132, 4-144, 5-192, 6-215, 7-291, 8-292

BOWLING Renshaw 12-1-71-2, Connor 11.4-1-56-2, Maru 11-0-55-0, Stephenson 12-1-49-3, Udal 12-0-56-0, Keech 1-0-6-0

Man of the match: S P James

Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer

Middlesex v Gloucestershire

UXBRIDGE (Gloucestershire won toss): Middlesex beat Gloucestershire by four wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE	
A J Wright c Weekes b Hewitt	1
N J Trainor c Brown b Kallis	29
R J Cunliffe c Ramprakash b Dutch	33
M A Lynch c Dutch b Kallis	100
S Young c Brown b Kallis	0
*M W Alleyne c Hewitt b Weekes	43
†R C Russell c Shah b Johnson	20
T H C Hancock lbw b Johnson	4
M C J Ball not out	9
A M Smith b Kallis	4
R P Davis not out	1
Extras (lb 19, w 12, nb 2)	33
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	277

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-65, 3-75, 4-76, 5-192, 6-251, 7-262, 8-263, 9-272

BOWLING: Fraser 11-2-50-0, Hewitt 9-1-37-1, Kallis 11-1-47-4, Dutch 10-1-24-1, Weekes 10-1-54-1, Ramprakash 5-0-17-0, Johnson 4-0-29-2

MIDDLESEX	
P N Weekes c Wright b Smith	4
J H Kallis c Russell b Alleyne	100
*M R Ramprakash b Ball	42
M W Gatting lbw b Alleyne	6
J C Pooley not out	79
†K R Brown c Russell b Alleyne	18
O A Shah c Ball b Smith	8
K P Dutch not out	6
Extras (lb 9, w 4, nb 4)	17
Total (6 wkts, 59.3 overs)	280

R L Johnson, J P Hewitt and A R C Fraser did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-87, 3-104, 4-200, 5-232, 6-248.

BOWLING: Smith 12-0-62-2, Young 8.3-1-43-0, Davis 12-0-44-0, Alleyne 12-0-47-3, Ball 12-0-51-1, Trainor 3-0-24-0.

Man of the match: J H Kallis

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer

Leicestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by 128 runs

YORKSHIRE	
M D Moxon c Smith b Parsons	74
A McGrath c Nixon b Parsons	34
*D Byas b Parsons	2
D S Lehmann c Johnson b Wells	19
C White not out	56
B Parker run out	69
†R J Blakey not out	0
Extras (lb 9, w 18, nb 8)	35
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs)	310

P J Hartley, D Gough, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-66, 2-68, 3-93, 4-177, 5-306

BOWLING Mullally 12-0-69-0, Millns 12-0-56-0, Wells 10-1-40-1, Parsons 12-1-68-2, Mason 12-0-63-0, Johnson 2-0-15-0

LEICESTERSHIRE	
V J Wells b Gough	0
D L Maddy b Silverwood	0
I J Sutcliffe b Stemp	53
*J J Whitaker lbw b Gough	5
N C Johnson c Blakey b Stemp	15
B F Smith c Hartley b Stemp	4
†P A Nixon lbw b Stemp	14
T J Mason b Hartley	36
G J Parsons run out	6
D J Millns run out	5
A D Mullally not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	7
Total (47.2 overs)	182

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-5, 3-14, 4-43, 5-51, 6-75, 7-162, 8-172, 9-181

BOWLING Gough 9-1-22-2, Silverwood 9.2-2-35-1, Hartley 9-0-32-1, White 8-0-36-0, Stemp 12-0-54-4

Man of the match: C White

Umpires: A A Jones and A G T Whitehead

Surrey v Nottinghamshire

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by 22 runs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	
P R Pollard c Stewart b Bicknell	2
R T Robinson lbw b Bicknell	1
*P Johnson c Thorpe b Lewis	4
N J Astle c Thorpe b Salisbury	56
G F Archer c Butcher b B C Hollioake	13
C M Tolley c Stewart b Salisbury	12
†W M Noon c Thorpe b Saqlain	19
K P Evans lbw b Saqlain	11
P J Franks run out	4
R T Bates c Butcher b Saqlain	11
M N Bowen not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 10, w 13, nb 2)	30
Total (55.1 overs)	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15, 3-15, 4-41, 5-109, 6-120, 7-150, 8-151, 9-159

BOWLING Bicknell 12-3-22-2, Lewis 9-1-12-1, A J Hollioake 5-0-20-0, B C Hollioake 9-1-39-1, Salisbury 12-1-32-2, Saqlain Mushtaq 8.1-0-30-3

SURREY	
M A Butcher lbw b Tolley	35
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Bowen	2
*A J Stewart c Johnson b Franks	26
G P Thorpe c Bates b Tolley	0
A D Brown c Noon b Tolley	19
†A J Hollioake c Bates b Evans	7
C C Lewis c Pollard b Bowen	15
B C Hollioake lbw b Astle	0
M P Bicknell b Evans	24
I D K Salisbury c Noon b Bowen	5
Saqlain Mushtaq not out	6
Extras (lb 2, w 10, nb 2)	14
Total (55.5 overs)	154

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-72, 3-73, 4-80, 5-100, 6-113, 7-114, 8-124, 9-132

BOWLING: Bowen 10-0-38-2; Franks 6-1-21-1, Bates 9-0-38-0, Evans 11.5-4-22-2, Tolley 9-0-21-3, Astle 10-5-12-1

Man of the match: N J Astle

Umpires: B Dudleston and T E Jesty

Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire beat Somerset by 11 runs

WARWICKSHIRE	
A J Moles lbw b Rose	21
*N M K Smith b Rose	4
D L Hemp c Turner b Kerr	29
D P Ostler b Parsons	54
T L Penney b Mushtaq	25
D R Brown c Turner b Parsons	6
G Welch c Holloway b Mushtaq	20
A F Giles c Turner b Parsons	13
†K J Piper lbw b Caddick	13
G C Small c Mushtaq b Kerr	4
A A Donald not out	0
Extras (lb 12, w 17, nb 2)	31
Total (58.1 overs)	220

FALL OF WICKETS 1-27, 2-38, 3-96, 4-146, 5-156, 6-156, 7-187, 8-206, 9-219

BOWLING: Caddick 10.1-2-27-1, Rose 12-1-45-2; Burns 6-0-27-0; Kerr 7-0-41-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-1-34-2; Parsons 11-1-34-3

SOMERSET	
M Burns c Ostler b Welch	3
P C L Holloway c Piper b Small	38
*P D Bowler lbw b Donald	14
S C Ecclestone c Smith b Donald	87
M N Lathwell b Small	1
†R J Turner c Donald b Brown	1
K A Parsons c Piper b Small	1
G D Rose c Piper b Donald	18
J I D Kerr b Donald	0
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	10
A R Caddick b Giles	5
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 12, nb 8)	31
Total (58.3 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-47, 3-135, 4-137, 5-146, 6-153, 7-184, 8-184, 9-193

BOWLING: Donald 12-1-54-4; Welch 12-1-27-1; Small 12-1-22-3, Brown 11-0-49-1, Giles 9.3-0-35-1; Smith 2-0-11-0

Man of the match: S C Ecclestone

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd

Tour match

MCC v Pakistan A

SHENLEY PARK (first day of three, Pakistan A won toss): MCC, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 157 runs ahead of Pakistan A

PAKISTAN A: First Innings	
Ali Naqvi lbw b Anthony	13
Salim Elahi c Lavender b Jeh	53
Rana Qayyum c Garaway b Anthony	1
Hasan Raza c Garaway b Anthony	3
*Mohammad Wasim b Badenhorst	0
Mujahid Jamshed lbw b Badenhorst	19
Azhar Mahmood c Foley b Anthony	0
†Javed Qadir c Garaway b Anthony	1
Irfan Fazil not out	3
Ali Husain Rizvi c Garaway b Anthony	1
Shoaib Akhtar c Arthurton b Jeh	8
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 14)	17
Total	119

FALL OF WICKETS 1-23, 2-29, 3-38, 4-41, 5-71, 6-78, 7-85, 8-103, 9-108

BOWLING: Francis 8-0-36-0, Anthony 17-5-34-6, Badenhorst 11-4-24-2; Jeh 6.5-1-24-2

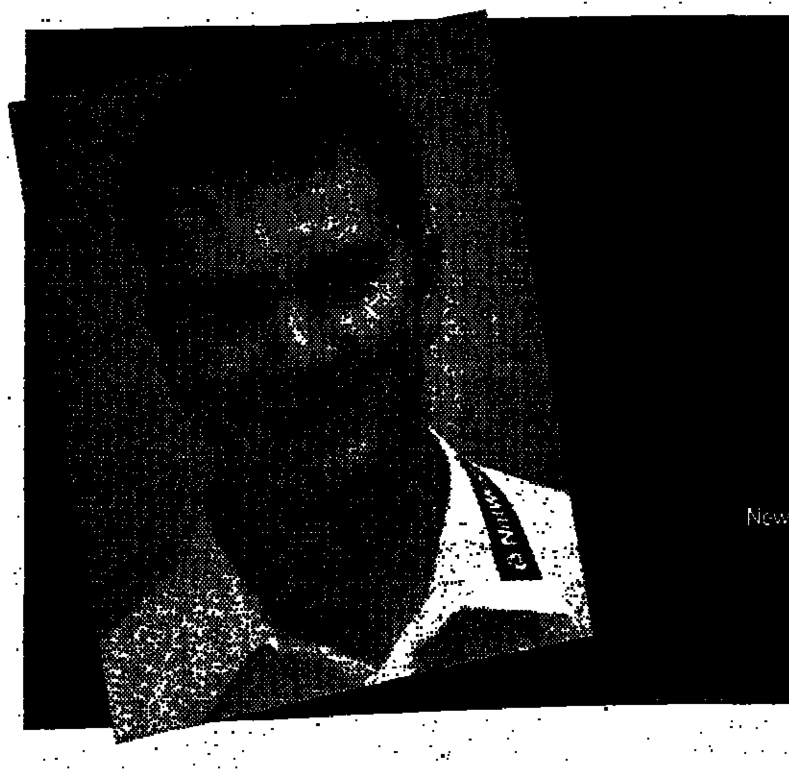
MCC: First Innings	
M P Lavender lbw b Shoaib	0
G W Flower c Javed b Azhar	78
K L T Arthurton not out	138
G I Foley c Mohammad b Azhar	4
*A Flower c Javed b Azhar	14
Asif Din lbw b Azhar	4
M P W Jeh not out	16
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 18)	22
Total (5 wkts)	276

†M Garaway, H A G Anthony, N B Francis and A Badenhorst to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-186, 3-194, 4-224, 5-240

BOWLING Shoaib Akhtar 9-0-46-1, Irfan Fazil 11-2-65-0, Ali Husain Rizvi 19-0-98-0, Azhar Mahmood 20-0-63-4

Umpires: P Willey and M R Benson



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Briton retains special place in the history of the Tour

Simpson's price for overriding ambition

Chris Boardman wore it for just one day at the start of the Tour de France this year, but there are, it seems, some things more durable than the race leader's yellow jersey.

For the past 30 years, a roadside shrine has marked the spot where Britain's first man to boast the yellow jersey, Tommy Simpson, collapsed and died as he flogged his way up a 6,000-foot mountain under an unforgiving sun. It is a mark of the respect this Englishman had won in France that not once during those 30 years has that shrine been neglected.

Cyclists pay homage there constantly and the stone is draped with a strange collection of inner-tubes, old water bottles, handlebar tape, even used brake blocks. So many are the tributes that, once a month, the local council sends a team to clean it up.

Three days from now, as the Tour spins its way from Sauternes on its last flatland stage before the mountains, Simpson's widow, Helen, will lead a small family gathering of cyclists to the spot where he fell.

Simpson rode himself to death at 4.35pm on July 13, 1967, during the thirteenth stage of the 2,974-mile Tour. He was 29. His last mumbled words were: "Put me back on my bike."

Since the Tour had begun 15 days before, he had cycled 1,684 miles at an average speed of 22mph and had been allowed just one rest day. When the peloton reached the lower slopes of Mont Ventoux, 88 miles from the start that day in Marseilles, there was a blazing sun, no wind and the thermometers outside the roadside restaurants warned of a temperature of 55C (131F).

The summit of the Ventoux offered no shelter — there are no trees and no bushes on the bleached, parched peak of this extinct volcano — but Simpson would have wanted to be nowhere else in the world. He had left Yorkshire to take on the French at their own game and succeeded. This was his seventh Tour since 1960. His best had been in 1962, when he wore the yellow jersey as race leader and finished sixth. He had taken a bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956, carried off the world road racing championship in Spain in 1965 and had won several of Europe's classic tours. No British cyclist came near him in experience or achievement.

He had also endeared himself to the French public, always ready to ham it up as the Englishman. The French press had dubbed him "Mister Tommy" and, quick to appreciate the value of self-promotion in a highly commercialised sport, Simpson had played the part by appearing in a bowler hat, city suit and rolled umbrella.

Other Britons before Simpson had ridden in the Tour, but they had been content to sweat out a living as *domestiques* to the greats. Simpson wanted none of that. He believed that his destiny was to be a champion and he was prepared to do anything to live out his dream. That is why the French loved him; and that is what killed him.

> 'His last words were: "Put me back on my bike."'

The Tour had always asked the near-impossible of its riders. Even the strongest are likely to feel that their bodies need help as the daily dose of exhaustion and pain kicks in.

Simpson knew what he was up against and he knew, too, how others handled it. "I am riding up there with the stars, then I see their hand go to their mouth and suddenly they are going away from me," he once told Chris Brasher. "I don't want to take dope, I have too much respect for my body — but if I don't win a big event really soon, I shall have to start taking it."

What he took, according to the official reports on his death, were pep pills — amphetamines. In the Sixties, they were common enough, and not just in sport. You would hear tales of students taking them to get through their finals, thinking that they had performed brilliantly when all they had done was to write their name over and over. Rally drivers would pop them to stay awake through the night stages.

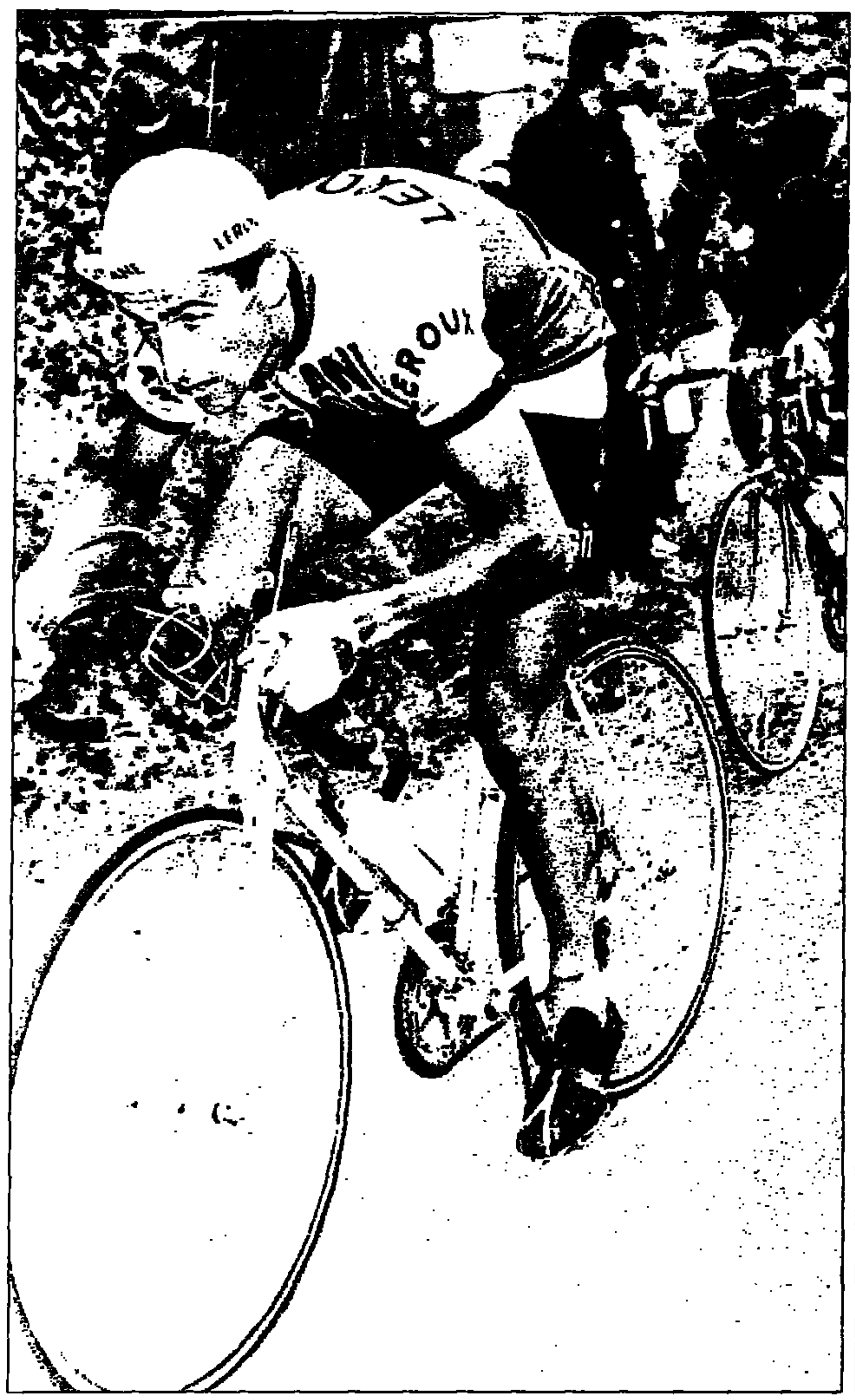
Amphetamines were to be used like a whip to a tired horse. Their primary effect is on the psyche, to increase ambition and to dull pain, but they cannot increase the total available store of energy and, if the normal instincts of survival are numbed, if ambition pushes beyond the limits of safety, then you can simply ride yourself to death.

The subculture of the Tour, which had seduced Simpson into taking pep pills, dealt one other fatal card that day. Before the era of strict controls on food and drink in the race, competitors grabbed their liquid where they could, raiding cafés or taking bottles from spectators. On the road to the mountain, Simpson snatched a drink and downed it at a gulp. It was undiluted cognac and was said to have contributed to his death.

The day after Simpson's collapse, the Tour began with a minute's silence. The British team decided to go on, wearing black crêpe ribbons. As the race restarted, the foreign riders elected that a Briton should win the stage. Barry Hoban, one of Simpson's greatest friends and rivals, was the man who crossed the finish line first.

Two years later, Hoban married Tommy Simpson's widow. He will be at her side this Sunday when she makes her way up the mountain.

JOHN BRYANT



Simpson, in 1962, on the way to becoming the first Briton to wear the yellow jersey

A French doctor struggles to save Simpson after his collapse on the Tour's thirteenth stage in 1967

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

FEED-PAWL

(c) The loading mechanism in a Bofors gun. A series of pivoted hooks, on recoil, slides up over ammunition in the loader. On run-out, the lowest round is pulled down on the loading-tray, whence it is catapulted into the breech of the gun barrel, to be fired automatically. The normal rate of firing is 120 rounds a minute.

DOVEKIE

(c) The black guillemot. A. Fisher's *Journal*, 1821: "Another species of diver was seen today. It is called by the seamen Dovekie." T. Pearson, *Birds of America*, 1907: "The little Dovekie or sea doves breed along the coast of Greenland."

DEEPSIDE

(a) A chemical. Any of a group of chemicals found principally in lichens. E. H. Romo, *Chemical Carbon Compounds*: "Deepsides are substances derived from two or more molecules of phenol carboxylic acids by esterification of a carboxyl group of one molecule with a hydroxyl group of another."

STRAMIN

(b) The maker's name for a material. A kind of coarse sacking, formerly used for making nets for sea fishing. *Journal of the Marine Biological Association*, 1914: "The nets used were constructed on the system of the Petersen Young fish trawl and three qualities of material were used. These were coarse sacking (stramin) with mesh 1/16 square, cheese-cloth and mosquito netting."

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Moncassin falls short again

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN LE PUY DU FOU

NICOLA MINALI, the stage winner in Portsmouth when the Tour de France crossed the Channel in 1994, continued the run of Italian success this year with a hair's breadth victory at the end of the fourth stage at Le Puy de Fou over Frederic Moncassin, French cycling's nearly-man.

The drama of Moncassin's fourteenth near miss of the season took centre stage at the semi-ruined chateau in the heart of the Vendée region. "I did everything I could," Moncassin said: "I was well placed and on the right wheel. I know there are other days to come, but it is not easy to win stages in the Tour."

The stage was marred by yet another crash, five kilometres from the finish, that saw splits in the main field further distance some of the favourites from the leaders. For the third time in four days, the principal victim was Alex Zülle, the world time-trial champion, whose injured shoulder continues to plague him and who is now expected to quit the Tour before the race reaches the Pyrenees.

After the pile-up in Brittany on the previous day, debate is raging over the wisdom of taking a race as tense and competitive as the Tour over some of the narrowest roads of northwest France. Those concerns were reinforced even before the serious racing began, when Fabiano Fontanelli, of Italy, was forced to abandon the race after colliding with a female spectator, who sustained serious head injuries, and Vicente Garcia-Acosta, of Spain, who suffered a broken collar-bone.

Philippe Gaumont, 24, of France, mounted a solo break shortly after the convoy crossed the Loire estuary at Nantes. With 100 kilometres left, Gaumont, who had started the day more than 11 minutes behind Mario Cipollini, of Italy, the race leader, was within touching distance of the yellow jersey. Cipollini, though, ushered his team forward to bring Gaumont's lead down to a respectable level and his brave effort was finally subdued 30 kilometres from Le Puy de Fou.

A series of counter-attacks followed before the sprinters wound up towards their dash for the line. Chris Boardman, of Great Britain, finished securely in the front group to consolidate his third place overall, which, with Cipollini and Erik Zabel, of Germany, bound to fall by the wayside in the mountains, effectively leaves him heading the list of serious contenders.

"I rode at the front as much as I could, which is where I should be," Boardman said. "I didn't know that the finish would be so technically demanding — it was the toughest we've seen yet. At the moment, I am just concentrating on staying upright."

TOUR DETAILS

FOURTH STAGE: [illegible]

LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: [illegible]

TODAY: Fifth stage [illegible]

TELEVISION CHOICE

Architects in the dock

How Buildings Learn
BBC2, 7.30pm

The contention of this stimulating series by Stewart Brand, an American writer and business consultant, is that architects are more interested in buildings for their own sake than their long term use. Brand sets out his theme with a catalogue of disasters from both sides of the Atlantic. The guilty include very famous names. Frank Lloyd Wright's roofs leaked. Le Corbusier's apartments were so impractical that their inhabitants rebuilt them. In Paris, President Mitterand's Grand Project for public buildings has been blighted by hasty construction and elementary design flaws. The boat-like *Western Morning News* office in Plymouth looked sensational, but could not cope with the sun. Brand is also concerned with buildings that improve with time, citing the magnificent city centre in Siena.

Wild Harvest With Nick Nairn II
BBC2, 8.00pm

Those naive enough to think that Scottish cuisine begins and ends with salmon and haggis will be swiftly disabused in the course of this new Nick Nairn series. An enthusiastic young cook who is never short of superlatives, Nairn is just the man to sniff out the more unusual dishes. Take seaweed milk pudding, not a dish to be found in many recipe books, but a favourite on the Isle of Skye, the location for the programme tonight. Seaweed in the raw looks far from appetising, but this pud looks a treat. Squat lobsters, which look more like shrimps but, Nairn assures us, taste ten times better, are another delicacy deserving of wider exposure. First shown in Scotland and now beamed to a national audience, the series offers an agreeable mixture of location work and kitchen demonstration.

Undercover Customs
ITV, 8.30pm

Trevor McDonald presents notable cases from the files of Customs and Excise. Although the series includes secretly recorded surveillance footage that has not been shown on television before, the stories are mainly told through reconstructions using actors. On the evidence of the programme tonight, about a sting operation against the Colombian Cali drugs cartel, *Undercover Customs* will win no prizes for drama. The villains are strictly B movie, with dialogue to match, but it is a cracking good story all the same, in which a customs officer poses as a bent businessman, meets the Colombians in Holland and negotiates to smuggle billions of pounds worth of cocaine into Great Britain. The deception even runs to a bogus bank, with false accounts and a manager who is one of the customs team.

Writer Stewart Brand (BBC2, 7.30pm)

Trial and Error
Channel 4, 9.00pm

According to David Jessel's documentary, the name of Danny McNamee should be added to those of the Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four and Judith Ward in the list of those wrongly convicted of IRA crimes. McNamee is serving 25 years for conspiracy to cause explosions, including the Hyde Park bombings of 1982 which caused outrage by killing four guardsmen and seven horses. The case against McNamee was largely based on fingerprints on electronic circuit boards found in two IRA arms caches and a terrorist bomb in west London. Jessel argues that this evidence was flawed and that McNamee's trial was tainted by slur, prejudice and innuendo. Moreover, Jessel claims to reveal the identity of the real bomb maker. Last week it was announced that McNamee's case is to go to appeal.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

The Moral Maze
Radio 4, 9.05am

The return for a ten-week run of what is probably the most vigorous debating chamber in British broadcasting. The programme works for several reasons: it has in Michael Buerk a moderator who combines a light touch with the occasional slap to keep order, and the panellists are distinctive and articulate, if not always very patient in allowing witnesses to have a proper say. The subject each week is chosen at a dinner the night before the programme, or, more accurately, the subject is chosen several days before the programme but certain panellists treat the dinner as an eleventh-hour appeal court. The panel is as before: Janet Daley, Michael Mansfield, QC, Dr David Cook and the endearingly insufferable Dr David Starkey.

Inside Track: Navvy
Radio 4, 8.20pm

The red cone is now so ubiquitous along the roads of Great Britain that motorists suspect that it attracts a subsidy from the European Union. Yet the men who deploy the cones and do the work that goes on behind their protection are taken for granted: we tend to assume that they are much as they always were. The first of this new series paints a different picture, except that navvies — the word comes from the men who built canals, known as navigators — still seem to be, in the main, an Irish export. However, these days, the Irish navvy can earn more than £1,500 a week, plays golf and invests in property back home. Tunnelers are the crème de la crème and for some reason tunnelers tend to come from Donegal.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Movie Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Stuart Maconie **1.00am** Dave Pearce **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up To Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** David Allan's Country Club **8.00** Paul Jones **9.00** The Deniece Williams Show. A new series focusing on gospel and soul **9.30** The What If Show **10.00** Wowfabgroovy **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Good and Bad at Games **8.00** David Gower's Cricket Weekly **9.00** Inside Edge with Rob Bonnett **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours — Early Call **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.15** World Today **7.30** Meridian Books **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Composer of the Month **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Turning a Tune **9.30** Hot New Country **10.05** Business **10.15** Dying Notes **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Discovery **12.30pm** Learning World **12.45** F.O.O.C. **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Record News **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Turning a Tune **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.05** Business **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Assignment **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** John Peel **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian Books **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Vintage Chart Show **1.30** Turning a Tune **1.45** Britain **2.30** The Works **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Classic Concerto. J.S. Bach (Violin Concerto in D minor, BWV1052); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat major, Op 73) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata: Paganini (Sonata for Violin and Guitar in A major) **8.00** Evening Concert. Dvořák (Piano Quintet in A, Op 81); Richard Strauss (Oboe Concerto); Grieg (Symphony in C minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Classic Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Nick Abbot **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Dvořák (String Quartet in G, Op 106); Haydn (Divertimento in F, H II); Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52); Purcell (Fly, Bold Rebellion, Welcome Song for Charles II, Z234); Bernstein (Overture: Candide)
9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Berlioz (Overture: Roman Carnival), Gershwin (Three Preludes); Haydn (Symphony No 73 in D, La Chasse)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Includes Milhaud (Machines Agricoles), Lloyd (A Litany, Part 3), Smetana (Piano Trio in G, Op 15); Kodály (Concerto for Orchestra); Ligeti (Horn Trio)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music
1.00pm Opera Matinée: La Gioconda, by Ponchielli. A performance given earlier this year at La Scala, Milan. Sung in Italian. With Eva Urbanova, soprano, Luciana d'Intino, mezzo, Nicolai Ghiaurov, bass, Larissa Diadkova, mezzo, Jose Cura, tenor, Nicolai Putilin, baritone, the Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, under Roberto Abbado
4.15 Ensemble. Caroline Palmer, piano, plays the first and fifth of Bach's French Suites and a group of pieces from Book 2 of Debussy's Preludes (r)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune. Nicola Heywood-Thomas introduces a special programme from the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Grant Llewellyn. With Rebecca Evans, soprano, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Neal Davies, bass, BBC National Chorus of Wales. Haydn (The Creation)
9.35 Edmund Burke: The Orpheus That Sailed with the Argonauts. Harvey Mansfield, Professor of Government at Harvard University, discusses whether Burke can be considered as democratically contemporary (4/5)
10.00 Music Restored: In the Footsteps of Ziryab. Medieval music from Persia, North Africa and Europe, performed by Sara Stowe and Sirinew
10.45 Night Waves. The historian and writer Timothy Garton Ash talks to Humphrey Carpenter about his new book, a personal history of the Cold War years
11.30 Composers of the Week: Schola Cantorum (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather is joined by the journalist and broadcaster Steve Voce to review the latest crop of jazz releases on CD
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze. See Choice
10.00 News; The Female Ghost (FM): Afterward, by Edith Wharton (5/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm The Heritage Quiz 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Change of Heart, by Robin Kelly. A man reanimates his cryogenically frozen girlfriend, but she seems somehow different
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen sees Geraldine McEwan in a new play, Grace
4.45 Short Story: Virtual Reality, by Dorothy Schwarz. Read by Sion Probert
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Taking It Up the Octave. The final part of the comedy by Fintan Coyle and Tom Miles
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Lifestory. Dick Hobbs recalls the life of the council leader and entrepreneur T. Dan Smith who was eventually imprisoned for corruption
8.00 Fresh Air. A series of five programmes presenting the winners of the Radio 4 feature-making competition for 11 to 15-year-olds. This week: Laxmi Kathuria's *3 F's* and Barum Jeffrey's account of what life is like for a boy scout in Northern Ireland
8.20 Inside Track: Navvy. See Choice (1/5)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandolin, by Louis de Bernières (4/15)
11.00 The Mark of Zorro, by S.J. Ashford. With Mark Arden, Louise Lombard and Glyn Houston (2/5)
11.30 Ad Lib (FM). Robert Robinson talks to a group of interior designers (3/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News and 12.30am The Late Book: The Giant's House, by Elizabeth McCracken (9/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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A bit gloomy, but at least it's not a repeat

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

I have been distracted for most of this week by that great mystery of the skies: why is it that the pictures from Mars are of a better quality than the pictures from Channel 5? Compared with this conundrum, last night's viewing posed little in the way of a challenge.

Still, in a week when even the news often sounds like a repeat (new Ulster crisis, Aussies thrash England), we are fortunate to be able to unearth a couple of programmes that are not repeats, or repeats disguised as compilations, or repeats announced, most maddeningly of all, as "another chance to see..."

Not that the new material was very cheering, in fact it had a distinctly autumnal feel. The schedulers seemed to be trying to get their fare into the misery index, what with a documentary about the late John Wayne, a documentary on sexual harassment in the Royal Navy and a third documentary about a young man with relatively minor injuries who nonetheless died in hospital.

The third shall be first, for it was best, though with a major reservation. QED has long been established on BBC1 as a series that knows how to hold an audience without introducing gimmicks, so I was alarmed to discover that last night's show was to be a dramatised documentary, which cynics such as myself define as a documentary in which certain bits have been made up because nobody could find out what really happened.

I stand by this definition but will admit that *Cause of Death* (BBC1) was an excellent piece of work, not least because it was like real life: it had no neatly wrapped conclusion at the end. The beginning and the middle were harrowing enough, as the father of the deceased young man set about proving that his 23-year-old son had died through hospital negligence.

The case was based on a real one and because it is not over the names were changed. Tom Georgeson was outstanding as Ray Peters, the father who raided the medical textbooks in order to take on the medical establishment. Georgeson, who will be remembered as Harry Naylor in *Between The Lines*, made a superb job of changing almost imperceptibly from a man wronged but impotent to a man wronged but able to summon the will and the expertise to take on the wrongdoers.

His ultimate vindication came not so much in court but in the words of an expert called to examine the hospital's treatment record: "If they'd left him where he fell and thrown a blanket over him he'd still be alive today."

In a sense the superficial drama was only part of the story, for *QED*'s underlying purpose was to highlight the growing concern over trauma death: some expert reports have suggested that up to a third of these deaths could be averted if the treatment was better.

If *QED*'s decision to dramatise a single story worked on one level, it did not convey the wider purpose. Drama always does best when it manifests itself through human experience, but the straightforward documentary format is much better at conveying ideas and broad principles. There is undoubtedly a *QED* to be made out of trauma treatment, but this was not it.

John Wayne was the subject in **Reputations: The Unquiet American** (BBC2) and this was the documentary that could not win. It would be old hat to Wayne addicts of course, whereas people who care less about Wayne than they do about, say, Fergie's next pair of shoes, would have found the revelations new but utterly inconsequential.

Me? Well, I recall Wayne as an actor who made a few decent films and a lot of ordinary ones, while as a man I seem to recall that he was somewhere to the right of Ronald Reagan. *Reputations* confirmed these vague memories but offered little that was surprising. I enjoy *Reputations* when it revisits images and offers a new perspective, but the Wayne programme merely took an "on the one hand, on the other hand" stance that made it little more than a biopic.

There were interesting moments, though. I had no idea that Maureen O'Hara, whom Wayne called "the greatest guy I ever knew", was still alive, much less as feisty as ever. And I discovered that Wayne's roles as the military hero had little connection with reality: he used several excuses to continue his acting career rather than sign up for the Second World War, including telling Uncle Sam that "I have the papers but I'm on location and don't have a typewriter". As Wayne might have said: aw shucks.

Heaven knows what Wayne would have made of women serving in the Armed Forces, but Lesley Morris could probably make an informed guess. She dreamt of being a Wren all through her childhood and signed up, aged 17, only to suffer the nightmare of sexual harassment. Her story opened a new series of **The Day That Changed My Life** (BBC2) last night.

The day in question was February 23, 1995, when Lesley tried to kill herself. She had become one of the first women to serve at sea but her ship, *HMS Illustrious*, had crew members who seem to have been recruited from among the lower primates. Of course the Navy's reaction to the overdose was to decide there was something wrong with Lesley, so she was discharged the Service as being "temperamentally unsuitable".

Lesley has started to rebuild a shattered personality and, in February this year, she won a sexual harassment case against the Royal Navy. She works in a factory now and, as she said, that is not much compared with watching the sun set at sea.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (19039)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (27297)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3559126)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (1959652)
9.45 Kilroy (6314942)
10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (59497)
11.00 News (T) **Regional News** and weather (7143478)
11.05 Due South (9453890)
11.50 Good Neighbours (2226861)
12.00 News (T) **Regional News** and weather (8614671)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (6471519)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (8056478)
1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (77774)
1.30 Regional News (42631749)
1.40 Columbo: Try and Catch Me (1977) A murder-mystery authoress draws on her vast experience of the criminal mind to write off her hated nephew. Peter Falk and Ruth Gordon star (r) (T) (4934861)
2.50 Hidden Treasures (r) (2722749)
3.00 International Golf More from the second 18 holes of the Loch Lomond World Invitational. Continues on BBC2 (3010)
4.00 Popeye (7092942) **4.10** Dinobabies (4581229) **4.35** Cartoon Critters (8103768) **5.00** Newsround (1249836)
5.10 The Biz Last in series (4837749)
5.35 Neighbours Ramsay Street's budding entrepreneur Debbie unveils her new plans for the Coffee Shop (r) (T) (323243)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) (403)
6.30 Regional News (T) (855)
7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Report on why British shoppers are paying over the odds for many goods, revealing that a luxury watch in London can cost £500 more than in New York (T) (3382)
7.30 EastEnders Annie's unorthodox methods of dealing with trouble land her in hot water, while Peggy and Grant find themselves in a spot of bother of their own (T) (869)
8.00 Crime Beat Martyn Lewis reports on steps being taken by the police to tackle burglary — the crime the public worries about the most. Last in series (T) (2590)
8.30 Airport A plane crash-lands at Heathrow after its undercarriage becomes stuck, and a journalist seizes the opportunity to sniff out a story (T) (5497)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) (1229)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave Relations between Victor and Margaret become strained as she is plagued by nightmares about killing her husband (r) (T) (80855)
10.00 Smith and Jones (T) (41478)
10.30 The Last Governor Jonathan Dimbleby continues his chronicle of the final governor's tenancy in Hong Kong (T) (335328)
10.35 The River Rat (1984) Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Martha Plimpton and Brian Dennehy. An ex-convict is caught up in a web of danger and intrigue when he returns home to his independent young daughter after spending 13 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Directed by Tom Rickman (51474923)
FILM
1.00 am Weather (3156898)

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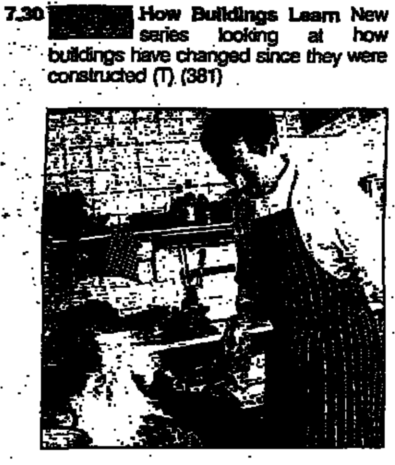
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Easing the Pain (7126300) **6.25** A Fish and Bird's Eye View (7112107) **6.50** Seasonal Affective Disorder (6409861) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (T) (6161316)
7.30 Children's BBC: The Moomins (r) (7280774) **7.55** Bright Sparks (r) (6058126) **8.20** Charlie Chalk (r) (6736107) **8.35** The Record (2658836) **9.00** Cartoon (5851720) **9.10** The Phil Silvers Show (r) (1951010) **9.35** Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2639652) **10.00** Children's BBC: Teletubbies (65687) **10.30** The Season (r) (57039)
11.00 International Golf The Loch Lomond World Invitational (87497)
12.30pm Working Lunch (64861) **1.00** Joshua Jones (r) (25333519) **1.10** Off the Beaten Track (27602377) **1.40** Blockbusters (59630652)
2.05 International Golf Further action from Loch Lomond (5943107)
3.00 News (T) (1176010) **3.05** Westminster (T) (6104774) **3.55** News (T) (2515300)
4.00 International Golf The closing stages of round two (9949)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (T) (988958)
6.45 United Kingdom! Three Asian brothers with a rare blood disease (T) (119300)
7.05 United Kingdom! A man dreams of hosting a massive party in Glasgow (T) (166478)
7.30 How Buildings Learn New series looking at how buildings have changed since they were constructed (T) (381)

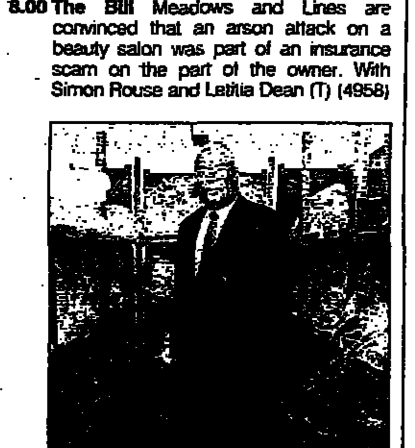


Nick Nairn's flaming cuisine (8.00pm)

8.00 Wild Harvest with Nick Nairn New series (T) (4872)
Wales: Over to Our Friends in Wales
8.30 Tracks Blackberry aftershave; smells of summer (T) (3039)
9.00 Absolutely Fabulous Edina becomes obsessed by mortality following her father's death (r) (T) (9671)
9.30 This Life Miles offers Anna a shoulder to cry on (T) (375958)
10.15 X Philes (663107)
10.28 UK Image (195381)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (481403)
11.15 United Kingdom! Profile of Jimmy Millar (T) (769958)
11.30 United Kingdom! Protests against Manchester Airport's proposed new runway (T) (479478) **11.55** Holiday Weather (166652) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (51879)
12.30am Learning Zone: Favourite Things (21140) **1.00** Money and Medicine (28614) **1.30** Running the NHS (67091) **2.00** Great Outdoors Essentials (11072) **4.00** Languages (85955) **5.00** Business and Work Bell (85411)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7672872)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1967671)
9.55 Regional news (T) and weather (6910328)
10.00 The Time, the Place (89213)
10.30 This Morning (T) (94157720)
12.20pm Regional news (T) and weather (8610855)
12.30 ITN News (T) and weather (8148403)
12.55 Shortland Street (8050294)
1.25 Home and Away Frances encounters a crazed motorist who forces her off the road (T) (37762039)
1.50 It's a Vet's Life (r) (T) (59647942)
2.20 Message from 'Nam (3/3) (r) (T) (5940010)
3.20 News (T) (1183300) **3.25** Regional news (T) and weather (1182671)
3.30 Potamus Park (r) (4562045) **3.40** Wizadora (r) (1780768) **3.50** Rupert (6375039) **4.15** Transylvania Pet Shop (T) (4402768) **4.40** Matt's Million (r) (T) (8611300)
5.10 A Country Practice (1966403)
5.40 ITN News (T) and weather (393229)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (351346)
6.25 HTV Weather (940107)
6.30 The West Tonight (923)
7.00 Emmerdale Jan is the bearer of awful tidings (T) (5010)
7.30 3-D Julia Somerville introduces a report on the lack of female drivers in the world of Formula One motor racing (T) (107)
8.00 The Bill Meadows and Lines are convinced that an arson attack on a beauty salon was part of an insurance scam on the part of the owner. With Simon Rouse and Letitia Dean (T) (4958)



McDonald with contraband (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Undercover Customs: Operation Begonia** Trevor McDonald presents reconstructions of real-life smuggling incidents (T) (8215)
9.00 Taggart: Prayer for the Dead McVitie has a heart attack and Jim is promoted to acting Superintendent in his absence (r) (T) (1/3) (5799)
10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (32774)
10.30 Regional news (T) (872861)
10.40 The West This Week (225774)
11.30 Frieze Frame (T) (720229)
11.45 Hunter (r) (241652)
12.35am The LADS (T) (8129701)
1.05 Funny Business (9507701)
1.40 Planet Rock Profile (4461188)
2.10 Late and Loud (r) (8576459)
3.05 3-D (r) (T) (66652904)
3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (5464256)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (22019411)
5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (89237)
5.30 News (T) (72362)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (3050294)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1966403)
6.25 Central News (145045)
10.40 Film: Breaking the Silence (57398126)
12.40am Funny Business (5422695)
1.15 Rockmania (452503)
2.15 Ed's Night Party (72904)
2.45 The Loop (2126183)
3.10 Late and Loud (1973817)
4.10 Central Jobfinder '97 (6112279)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Home and Away (6000190)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (75701346)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1966403)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (70478)
10.30 Westcountry News (790213)
10.45 Overdrive (713923)
11.15 Blur in Concert (268045)
12.10am Weekly World News (3694782)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1966403)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (671)
6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (923)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (790213)
10.45 Film: Living a Lie (60437949)
5.00am Freescreen (89237)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8050294)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1966403)
6.25 Anglia News (145045)
10.40 The Magic and Mystery Show (390316)
11.10 Waterlines (237774)
11.40 New York News (173132)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (14279)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (96045)
9.00 Bewitched (46923)
9.30 The Monroes (1669478)
10.25 Plain Sailing (6972652)
11.25 Animation (3665107)
11.30 Springhill (8132)
12.00 House to House (39687)
12.30pm Ricki Lake (66229)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (25246039)
1.15 Wil Cwac Cwac (66578107)
1.25 Australia Wild (78951869)
1.55 Racing from Newmarket (42559749)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (836)
4.30 Absolutely Animals (720)
5.00 5 Pump (1504395)
5.20 Gogs (7891720)
5.30 Countdown (300)
6.00 Newyddion (688855)
6.05 Heno (148132)
6.35 Jac yn y Bocs (957497)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (258403)
7.25 Sgrin Ti Syniad? (443300)
8.00 Llangollen '97 (2300)
8.30 Newyddion (8107)
9.00 The Jewel in the Crown (1381)
10.00 Tour De France (30316)
10.30 Film: Hear My Song (65942)
12.30am Riding the Tiger (32492)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (14279)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (96045)
9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (46923)
9.30 The Monroes (1669478)
10.25 Plain Sailing (6972652)
11.25 Secrets of the Moors (4/6) (r) (T) (4588300)
12.00 House to House Political magazine (39687) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City Caroline and the Cereal (r) (T) (66229)
1.00 Caroline in the City: Caroline and Richard's Mom (r) (T) (97301120) **1.25** Australia Wild (r) (T) (78951869)
1.55 Racing from Newmarket The **2.05, 2.35, 3.05** and **3.40** races (42559749)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One presented by William G. Stewart (T) (836)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game (T) (8197107)
4.55 Ricki Lake The guest is Rachel, the first woman to become a member of the Grand Council of the Ku Klux Klan (r) (T) (2113590)
5.30 Pet Rescue A dog suffering from kennel madness (r) (T) (300)
6.00 Tour De France The 261km stage from Chantonnay to La Chatre (213)
6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (565)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines and weather at **7.30** (819294)
7.50 Chester Mystery Plays (T) (940132)
8.00 Killer Bees A documentary about a strain of bee that has caused havoc in the Arizona town of Apache Junction (r) (T) (4045)

Danny McNamee (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Trial and Error** David Jessel investigates the case of Danny McNamee, found guilty of the Hyde Park bombing of 1982 (T) (1381)
10.00 Whose Line is It Anyway? A new series of the comedy improvisation show hosted by Clive Anderson, with music by Richard Vranch. The guests are Ryan Stiles, Colin Mochrie, Greg Proops and Rory Bremner (T) (608478)
10.35 Northern Exposure Quirky comedy set in Alaska. Michelle's attempts to stage a version of *Bus Stop* looked doomed to end in failure (T) (878300)
11.30 Weekly Planet A discussion on whether the political will exists in the US and the European Union to ensure lasting peace in Bosnia (101126)
1.05am Venus Peter (1989) The story of a boy's childhood on Orkney. Starring Gordon Strachan, Ray McAnally, David Hayman and Sinead Cusack. Directed by Ian Sellar (530508)
FILM
2.45 Memento Joan Bakewell talks to Terence Conran (r) (T) (79817)
3.15 Schools (r) (T) (703633)
5.00 Tour De France (r) (87879)
5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (70904)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News Early (9521652)
7.30 Havakazoo (7364039) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7254836) **8.30** WideWorld (8/10) (7253107)
9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine (3954497) **10.00** Exclusive! (r) (5933107) **10.30** Instant Gardens (r) (7266671)
11.00 Leeza (6988687) **11.50** Double Espresso (19739045)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7257923) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4821381)
1.00 5 News Update (89465297) **1.05** Sunset Beach Sand and sun soap (T) (8871768) **2.00** 5's Company. Live entertainment (6844923)

Charlton Heston as El Cid (3.30pm)

3.30 El Cid (1961) starring Charlton Heston Part one (concludes tomorrow at 3.30) of the epic adventure yarn about the life and times of the 11th-century Spanish hero. With Sophia Loren, directed by Anthony Mann (1370768)
FILM
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68987381)
5.30 100 Per Cent The game show without a host (7767861)
6.00 Move on Up Fast-moving game show (T) (7764774)
6.30 Family Affairs More drama concerning the Hart family (T) (7682126)
7.00 Exclusive! Showbiz news (6941565)
7.30 Treasure Islands The fur seal colony in Cape Cross, south-west Africa (7671010)
8.00 The Car Show Motoring magazine presented by Mariella Frostrup and Tristram Payne (6950213)
8.30 5 News (T) (6939720)
9.00 Across 110th Street (1972) starring Anthony Quinn, Yaphet Kotto and Anthony Franciosa. Thriller about a gang who, after robbing a New York bank of $300,000, find themselves on the run from the police and also another gang of mobsters. Directed by Barry Shear (60734768)
FILM
10.55 The Jack Docherty Show with guests Robin Day, Jo Brand, J.T. Walsh and Melaine Skykes (1487855)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7657300)
12.40am Live and Dangerous Includes football action from both North and Latin America (81580614)
4.40 The Streets of San Francisco (6281343)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3935362)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (202045) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (72010) **10.00** Another World (37316) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (44652) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (27300) **1.00pm** Geraldo (71530) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (95120) **3.00** Jenny Jones (18774) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (22381) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7687) **6.00** The Live 6 Show (7749) **6.30** Married — with Children (4229) **7.00** The Simpsons (8316) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4823) **8.00** Third Rock from the Sun (1838) **8.30** The Nanny (3871) **9.00** Seinfeld (28565) **9.30** Mad About You (76589) **10.00** Chicago Hope (65584) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (38045) **12.00** Late Show with Letterman (23695) **1.00am** Hit Mix (8095362)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (1707869) **7.30** Superboy (5880836) **8.00** Sliders (2247865) **9.00** Highlander (2330519) **10.00** Tek War (2237478) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (6172855) **12.00** Hit Mix (8353324)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Blue Bird (1976) (20346) **8.00 Sky Riders (1976)** (11671) **9.30 The Long Ride (1984)** (34671) **11.30 Volcano: Fire on the Mountain (1996)** (83403) **1.30pm Agatha Christie's the Man in the Brown Suit (1989)** (48756) **3.30 Heck's Way Home (1995)** (74403) **5.30 Magic Island (1995)** (79958) **7.00 Volcano: Fire on the Mountain (1996)** (34229) **9.00 The Absolute Truth (1996)** (10590) **10.30 Killer (1994)** (13889861) **12.10am The Man Next Door (1995)** (382362) **1.45 It's Pat (1994)** (9857091) **3.05 No Ordinary Summer (1994)** (31802140)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Slattery's Hurricane (1949) (78229) **7.30 The Command (1954)** (86652) **9.00 Jamboree (1957)** (78381) **10.30 Margie (1946)** (59652) **12.30pm Camilla (1994)** (45403) **2.30 The Joy of Living (1938)** (50300) **4.00 Munchie Strikes Back (1995)** (3861) **6.00 A Mother's Prayer (1995)** (24908126) **7.40 US Top 10** (967294) **8.00 Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995)** (59571) **9.30 The Movie Show** (28039) **10.00 A Low Down Dirty Shame (1994)** (358652) **11.45 Shadow Dancer (1995)** (824045) **1.25am Midnight Heat (1996)** (352817) **3.05 Rage (1972)** (321053) **4.45 The New Adventures of Little Toot (1993)** (3873701)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Chairman (1969) (2673836) **8.00 Moonstruck (1987)** (2878381) **10.00 No Man's Land (1987)** (1990010) **11.50 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: More Than Murder (1984)** (4445871) **1.30am The Collector (1965)** (6575343) **3.30 Funny Girl (1968)** (6588237)

TNT

9.00pm Rising Son (1990) (87099126) **11.00 Wise Guys (1986)** (99967590) **12.35am Spymaker: The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1990)** (98802362) **2.15-5.00 Night of the Iguana (1964)** (12636904)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (94671) **7.30** Wrestling (20652) **8.30** Racing News (87861) **9.00** Sports Centre (58133) **9.30** Aerobics (14403) **10.00** NatWest Cricket (75590) **11.00** Sailing (79213) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (70942) **12.00** Aerobics (92749) **12.30pm** Big Shots (22107) **1.30** Best of Scottish XI (23836) **2.30** World of Super League (78774) **4.00** High 5 (1774) **4.30** Futbol Mundial (7958) **5.00** Wrestling (5861) **6.00** Sports Centre (5923) **6.30** Futbol Mundial (2403) **7.00** Full Throttle (6590) **7.30** Powerboat and Jetski (8687) **8.00** Tight Lines (12805) **9.00** Best of Scottish XI (99519) **10.00** Sports Centre (93478) **10.30** Big Shots (66720) **11.30** Tight Lines (71519) **12.30am** Sports Centre (16256) **1.00** Trans World Sport (13904) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (24508)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Pool: World Championships (8388671) **10.00** Gaelic Games (8352478) **11.00** Golden Moments of the Olympics (9598590) **11.30-1.00am** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (5957010)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Inside the PGA Tour (12538671) **12.30pm** Trans-World Sport (50156865) **1.30** Sports Unlimited (50157584) **2.30** Australian Rules (20179774) **4.30** Sports Unlimited (57620519) **5.30** Gaelic Games (70430132) **6.30** Great Moments in Sport (19581942) **7.00** Trans World Sport (87089749) **8.00** Golf: Senior Players — Live (87092213) **10.00-11.30** Golf: US Women's Open — Live (19265132)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics: Zipfer Gugl Grand Prix (35584) **9.00** Tour De France — Fourth Stage (33690) **10.00** Tennis: Swiss Open — Live (6085590) **2.00pm** Tour De France — Fifth Stage — Live (37335497) **4.15** British Touring Car Championship (123671) **5.15** Tractor Pulling (129855) **6.15** Sumo (497316) **7.00** Aerobics (88403) **8.00** Boxing: McKnight v Donaldson (12869) **10.00** Tour De France — Fifth Stage (84774) **10.00** Bodybuilding USA (87774) **11.00** Sailing (52590) **11.30-12.30am** World Cup Legends (66687)

UK GOLD

7.00am Animal Magic (6769229) **7.35** Neighbours (5199107) **8.00** Crossroads (4028687) **8.25** EastEnders (7623039) **9.00** The Bill (4471836) **9.30** Shelley (8915749) **10.00** Tellystack (1137855) **10.30** Sullivans (4460720) **11.00** Bergerac (49372316) **12.05pm** Crossroads (61719671) **12.30** Neighbours (8919565) **1.00** EastEnders (5650300) **1.35** No Place Like Home (5435565) **2.15** Liver Birds (2129316) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (7916313) **3.30** The Bill (9049836) **4.00** Boon (1876923) **5.00** Casualty (66922671) **6.05** EastEnders (8234768) **6.40** Sykes (7285958) **7.20** Dr Who (5245836) **7.50** What a Carry On! (3649823) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (8092671) **9.00** The Bill (1872107) **9.30** Chancer (12406738) **10.35** Naked Video (2255720) **11.15** Live at Jongleurs (5636279) **11.45** Gold Goes Pop (1385107) **12.30am** It's a Knockout (1683492) **1.20** Big Deal (2324891) **2.15** Shopping (28913695)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1310923) **7.00** Coronation St (4180297) **7.30** Families (5635392) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (4027381) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5937881) **10.00** Gentle Touch (9235346) **11.00** London's Burning (4386890) **12.00** Coronation St (4174942) **12.30pm** Families (5464823) **1.00** Two's Company (5530738) **1.30** The Beautiful Home Show (7814364) **2.00** Surprise, Surprise (9129590) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5884942) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5870749) **5.00** London's Burning (1768671) **6.00** Families (6729687) **6.30** Coronation St (8647039) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1524294) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1533942) **9.00** Coronation St (5965861) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (6369279) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (1523565)

Cher and Nicolas Cage in *Moonstruck* (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (47316) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (19497) **7.30** Little Mermaid (7472132) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (8349958) **8.10** Goof Troop (4712403) **9.00** Tale Spin (6937749) **9.25** Aladdin (6931132) **10.15** Mighty Ducks (3230403) **11.00** Boy Meets World (5313762) **11.25** Wonder Years (9701792) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (4683039) **12.05pm** Bonkers (1120107) **12.30** Mouse and Mole (38893958) **12.35** Big Garage (35064497) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (6120497) **1.15** Amazing Animals (53628861) **1.40** Wonderland (21901478) **2.05** Small Stones (85150519) **2.10** Lambchop (92720942) **2.40** Care Bears (7197126) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4051497) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6443010) **3.40** Tale Spin (6618403) **4.30** Chooseday (7300) **5.00** Aladdin (4781039) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5066923) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (948213) **6.00** New Doug (5565) **6.30** Boy Meets World (2045) **7.00** Brotherly Love (6132) **7.30 FILM: The Christmas Box** (72478) **9.00** Dave's World (81949) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (65107)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5034497) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (6345316) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6163107) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6175942) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8969381) **8.30** Crocadoo (2968652) **9.00** Rimba's Island (6883687) **9.20** Magic Box (9134590) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (2597836) **10.05** Rimba's Island (7706923) **10.25** Magic Box (6686652) **11.00** Jin Jin (6087010) **11.30** Pinocchio (6095039) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8979768) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (92774300) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (10178756) **1.10** Beetleborgs (12428010) **1.30** Eek! (9918497) **2.00** Life with Louie (9802233) **2.30** Crocadoo (5692671) **3.00** Gadget Boy (1808818) **3.30** Eek! (5777316) **4.00** Life with Louie (5683823) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5689107) **5.00** Beetleborgs (6858313) **5.30** Spidermen (5776687) **6.00** X Men (5693300) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (43590) **6.30** Dangermouse (68381) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (96869) **7.30** Where's Wally? (81774) **8.00** Batman (24316) **8.30** Art Attack (14381) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (50229) **10.00** Gravedale High (55861) **10.30** Flash Gordon (30923) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (95229) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (96958) **12.00** Gravedale High (27403) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (54045) **1.00** Batman (98010) **1.30** Dangermouse (53316) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (8590) **2.30** Flash Gordon (3710) **3.00** Sonic (1497) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (2855) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (7590) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (3774)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (33836) **6.30** Rocko (61855) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (92213) **7.30** Rugrats (71720) **8.00** Doug (86132) **8.30** Arthur (85403) **9.00** CBBC (70355) **9.30** CBBC (12045) **10.00** Wimzie's House (52107) **10.30** Babar (14799) **11.00** Magic School Bus (77855) **11.30** Victor and Maria etc. (78584) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (96519) **12.30pm** Richard Scarry (16861) **1.00** CBBC (91584) **1.30** CBBC (15132) **2.00** Dr Seuss (8836) **2.30** Arthur (2836) **3.00** Alvin (6923) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (7381) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (9316) **4.30** Rugrats (5300) **5.00** Sister Sister (8768) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (6652) **6.00** Alex Mack (3585) **6.30-7.00** Doug (7395)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4486768) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8000861) **1.00** Madison (9714519) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8009132) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (2937923) **2.30** No Naked Flames (9135687) **3.00** Byker Grove (2029958) **3.30** Hangtime (9130132) **4.00** California Dreams (9053039) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9042923) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2024403) **5.30** Ready or Not (9139403) **6.00** Hangtime (9136316) **6.30** Madison (9054768) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2948039) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (9043652)

BRAVO

8.00pm New Twilight Zone (2020687) **8.30** Monsters (2936294) **9.00** LA Heat (6654229) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6657316) **11.00 FILM: Blood on Satan's Claw** (7996213) **1.00am** LA Heat (4470324) **2.00** Tour of Duty (5827701) **3.00 FILM: Evil Clutch** (8022121) **5.00** New Twilight Zone (6096072) **5.30** Monsters (1158508)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (4132) **7.30** Family Ties (6229) **8.00** E UK (7652) **8.30** Wings (9687) **9.00** Cheers (60519) **9.30** Cybill (30437) **10.00** Frasier (84720) **10.30** Garry Shandling (59328) **11.00** We Know Where You Live (69836) **11.30** Vacant Lot (54519) **12.00** Soap (53275) **12.30am** Laverne and Shirley (14898) **1.00** Cheers (70614) **1.30** Cybill (19091) **2.00** E UK (15850) **2.30** We Know Where You Live (34985) **3.00** Frasier (50850) **3.30-4.00** Wings (25237)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Twilight Zone (8630430) **1.30** One Step Beyond (1479184) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9602121) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (8604546)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4479478) **9.30** Garden Calendar (8019519) **10.00** Garden Club (1135497) **10.30** Craftwise (4564590) **11.00** Room for Improvement (1883213) **11.30** Sweet Things (1884942) **12.00** Julia Child (4482942) **12.30pm** Hometime (8917107) **1.00** This Old House (9614565) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (8916478) **2.00** Tool Box (2940497) **2.30** New Yankee Workshop (9131861) **3.00** New Yankee Workshop (2025132) **3.30-4.00** Furniture on the Mend (9047478)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Extremists (9059213) **4.30** Fire (9055497) **5.00** Connections 2 (2931749) **5.30** Jurassica (9046749) **6.00** Wild Sanctuaries (9132590) **6.30** Deadly Australians (9050942) **7.00** Invention (2944213) **7.30** History's Mysteries (9056126) **8.00** Science Frontiers (6574039) **9.00** Flightline (1870749) **9.30** Earthquake (8920671) **10.00** New Detectives (6653590) **11.00** The Professionals (9624942) **12.00** The Extremists (1153053) **12.30am** Fire (9330701) **1.00** History's Mysteries (4429072) **1.30-2.00** Connections 2 (7956695)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten (9597861) **5.00** Driving Passion, Part One (6907010) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (9909855) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Ronald Reagan (8353107)

CHALLENGE TV

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5.05pm Cross Wits (7834300) **5.50** Family Fortunes (638312) **6.30** Catchphrase (290590) **7.05** Winner Takes All (980010) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (791213) **8.20** All Clued Up (922861) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (174478) **9.35** Sale of the Century (829297) **10.10** Treasure Hunt (622403) **11.20** Studs (236823) **12.00** Winner Takes All (68121) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (37508) **1.30** Moonlighting (52063) **2.30** African Skies (72169) **3.00** My Two Dads (21362) **3.30** Big Brother Jake (56121) **4.00** The Fall Guy (53166) **5.00** Shopping (84512)

UK LIVING

7.00am Tiny Living (36447039) **9.05** A Woman Called Smith (4585300) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (3805565) **10.05** Jerry Springer (9112381) **10.55** Shopping (49508652) **11.00** Young and Restless (3040584) **11.50** Brookside (9879590) **12.25pm** Why Me? (70344300) **12.55** Tempestt (4977132) **1.40** Rolonda (2324749) **2.30** Agony Experience (5872671) **3.00** Live at Three (90366652) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6656039) **5.05** Lingo (57608958) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5956687) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7514836) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2786045) **7.05** Hearts Afire (7867584) **7.35** Brookside (1434010) **8.05** Rolonda (8792107) **9.00 FILM: Tonya and Nancy** (19881132) **10.50** Shopping (9354652) **11.00-12.00** Sex Files II (9400478)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** ZEE Presents **8.00** Reahat **8.25** Ek Nazar **8.30** Business **9.00** Janm Daata **9.30** Vijina Chamke Motira **10.00** Apabi **11.00** Aashiana **11.30** Banegi Apni Baat **12.00** Dastaan **12.30pm** Rachel **1.00 FILM 4.00** ZEE Zone **4.05** ZEE Top 10 **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Dada Dadi Ki Kahani **6.00** Sorry Meri Lorry **6.25** Ek Nazar **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Euro Zindagi **7.30** Cinemagic **8.00** News **8.35** Andaz **9.05** Jaal **9.30** Hasratain **10.00** ZEE Presents **10.30** Yaadon Ki Baraat **11.00** Mano Ya Na Mano **11.30-12.00** Anakshan

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Tyson hit by indefinite ban from ring

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN LAS VEGAS

MIKE TYSON was yesterday banished from boxing for an indefinite period for biting the ears of Evander Holyfield in their world heavyweight title bout at the end of last month. He was also fined $3 million (about £1.85 million), 10 per cent of his purse of $30 million, and ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings. It was the maximum penalty available to the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Tyson's licence to box in the state of Nevada has been revoked, making the ban indefinite, but he can reapply for a licence after one year, and every year thereafter. The commission would decide whether or not he should be given one. By federal law, its decisions are binding on every other state.

It is unlikely that Tyson would try to get round this by boxing abroad because he has already said that he would accept whatever punishment the commission handed down. Tyson was not at the City Hall, which stands opposite a downtown casino called Lady Luck, to hear the verdict for himself. He was represented by two lawyers, Oscar Goodman and Eckley Keach.

The five-man commission took just one hour to reach its decision. The penalty was passed unanimously. While Dr Elias Ghanem, the commission chairman, said that Tyson was within his rights not to attend the meeting, it was quite clear that some on the panel were disappointed by his non-attendance. One commissioner, Luther Mack, a businessman from Reno, said before the meeting: "It is very important that he should attend. It shows a bit of humility. I would like to hear from him to say to us in his own words what happened. We saw what happened. We don't know why. He got a prepared letter and apologised. He hasn't apologised before the commission, which does business with him month after month and year after year."

Before putting his deposition before the commission, Goodman explained that Tyson had not attended under advice from him. "There was no need for him to be here," Goodman said. "He meant what he said to the world. He apologised for snapping and has thrown himself at the mercy of the commission. All he could say was 'I'm sorry'. How many times can he say, 'Sorry, sorry, sorry'? Mr Tyson has had an exemplary ring record for 13 years. After every fight, he went to his opponent and shook his hand and remained a gentleman. People are entitled to make a mistake."

Jim Thomas, Holyfield's attorney, said that Holyfield had forgiven Tyson. Holyfield, told of the commission's verdict in South Africa, said that he had no comment to make. Whether Tyson returns to boxing will depend on how he handles his expulsion from the sport. While three years in prison failed to help him to break his lifelong habit of resorting to violence and thuggery to get his way, this time an absence from the ring could be to his advantage. While many believe that, without the discipline of daily training, he could be exposed to the destructive forces that he has not been able to control before, there are those who believe that the ban could help him to become a better man. Yet almost everyone who wants Tyson to come back to boxing believes that his psychological problems will not improve until he makes some difficult decisions.

If he wants to box again, he will have to remove the street influences that surround him, and encourage him to rail at the world and engage in violent acts; men such as "Crocodile", whose job is to abuse Tyson's opponents, and use threatening behaviour against anyone who disagrees with him, or wants him to give his vocal chords a rest. There is an indication of a change of attitude in Tyson. He has asked John Horne, one of his managers, to stop abusing Holyfield. There are rumours that he will not use Horne or Rory Holloway, his other manager, as his advisers any more, but will rely on his wife, Monica, who is a doctor. She is believed to have influenced him to seek medical advice. A break from the rap world of his hangers-on, followed by a deeper involvement with his family and three daughters, Gina, Mikey, and Rayna, could "help the process of healing", as Tyson's admirer, Jesse Jackson, puts it.

Dino Duva, the head of Main Events, the promotion group in competition with Don King, Tyson's promoter, believes that Tyson can become "a solid citizen" if he goes about it in the right way. "He must get rid of all that rubbish around him," Duva said, "or he'll end up going to jail or end up dead. He's got to get rid of the gangsters who just hang around and give him a worse image. He's got almost to start a new life."

Duva believes that boxing can survive without Tyson. Indeed, he felt that the heavyweight division could make a fresh start. "You've got three champions," he said, "and all the heavyweight contenders will fight to unify the title. Once the title is unified, Mike can come back and become the undisputed champion again if he wants to."

Greenfield lifts Sussex to seventh heaven

BY IVO TENNANT

HOVE (Lancashire won toss): Sussex beat Lancashire by seven wickets.

IF ANY county has been in need of a significant victory this season, it is Sussex. That they had needed 284 runs to beat Lancashire, the NatWest Trophy holders, and did so by the margin of seven wickets made this a triumph to relish.

This was only the sixth time that they have won a match in any form of the game and they did so, in the end, with some nonchalance. "After the manner in which we lost our last two matches, this was a tremendous achievement," Tony Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, said.

Keith Greenfield, their most consistent batsman in limited-overs cricket this season, made 129, his highest score in this competition, and won the man-of-the-match award from Sir Alec Bedser. Dropped on 81, rather badly by Crawley at short extra cover, he was in for all but the closing overs.

He and Athey put on 85 in 18 overs and, although Taylor went cheaply, he and Mark Newell kept up with the asking rate without recourse to slogging. They were particularly severe on Yates, the off spinner, whose ten overs went for 73. Sussex were fortuitous in that they had the better of the conditions, but Greenfield, the first cricketer to be taken on as a YTS trainee, batted as he can seldom have batted before, hitting 12 fours in an innings that lasted 173 balls.

From the last 20 overs, 105 were needed. Newell promptly reached his half-century with a straight six off Yates, who was driven and pulled with impunity. Greenfield eventually was bowled by Watkinson, unable to adjust his shot as he went down the pitch, but Lenham, too, batted with much the same ease.

As for Lancashire, there will be some ructions, if not recriminations. They were without Wasim Akram and Fairbrother, and Chapple had a stomach muscle injury, but still should have had the necessary strength in depth to beat a side so short of self-belief as Sussex are at the moment. In spite of a partnership of 177 between Crawley, who made an unbeaten 113 that included 11 fours, and Austin, there were still 21 balls remaining when victory was achieved.

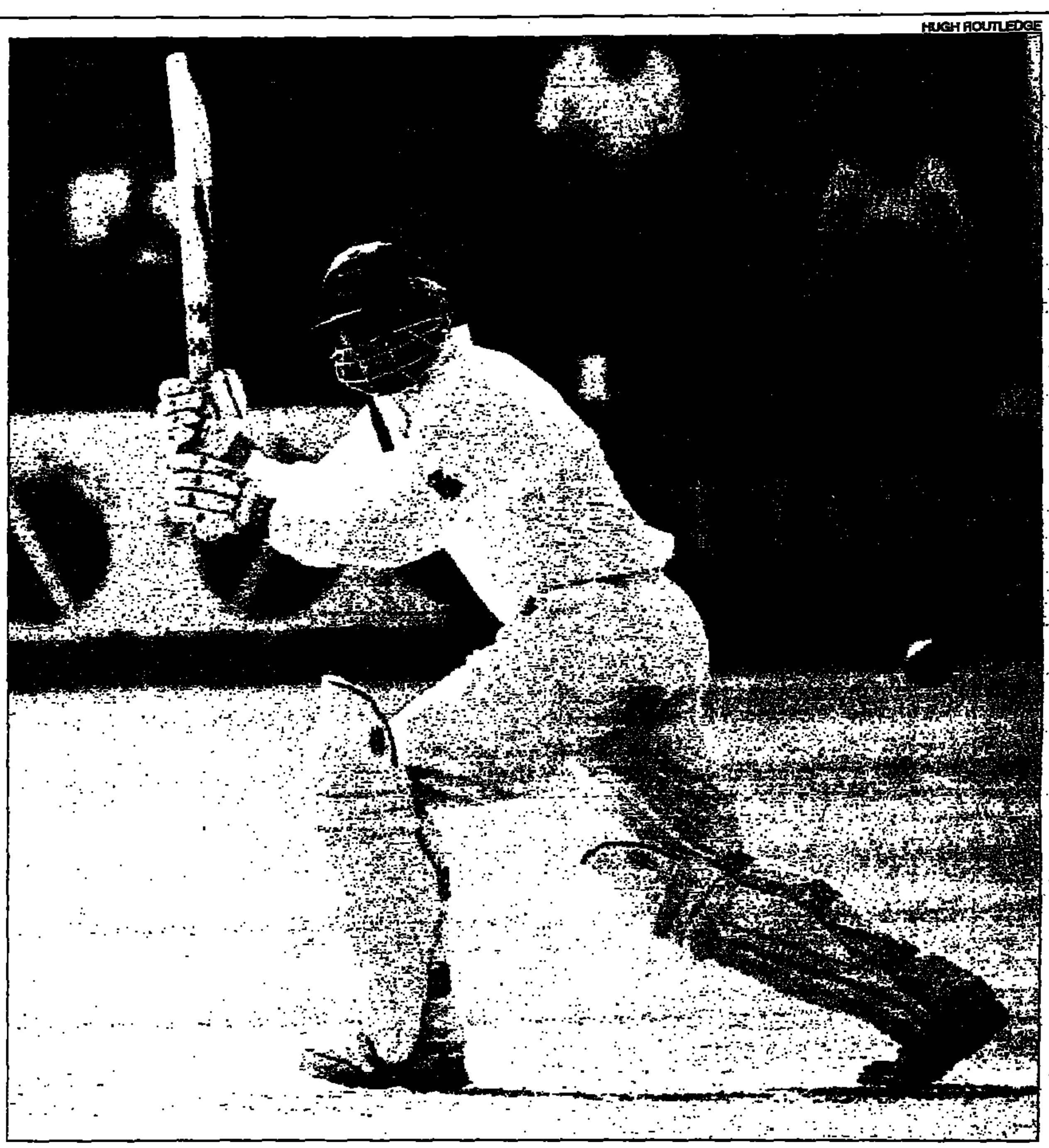
It was somewhat surprising that Lancashire opted to bat. Bedser met Keith Miller for the first time on this ground 55 years ago and, even though they did not start then until the more congenial time of 11.30, there was always something in the pitch or in the air. So there was yesterday in terms of bounce and movement.

Lancashire lost their first four wickets for 38, including that of the England captain. Michael Atherton, who evidently finds this kind of cricket increasingly onerous in the wake of a Test match. He, like Gallian, was caught at first slip in the opening overs and without moving his feet. Lloyd was bowled by Robinson shouldering arms and Flintoff too, was taken in the slips, edging one that lifted off a length from Drakes.

Drakes is not likely to remain with Sussex when his contract expires at the end of this season. Pigott has been seeking advice from Tony Greig, the county's former captain, as to a replacement. He bowled well enough here, although when he returned for a second spell, he could not remove Crawley or Austin.

Sussex did not field especially well. They twice dropped Watkinson, who made 36, when he was in single figures and Austin once when he was on 82. Often, they were not adept at preventing the scampered second run. Yet ultimately it did not matter, for those early wickets proved highly significant. Not until Austin came in did Crawley begin to bat with any freedom.

Austin has long been an underrated cricketer. His innings here was full of beefy blows, counter-pointing Crawley's elegance. When he was caught at deep square leg looking to reach his century off the last ball of Lancashire's innings, he had made 97 with a six and ten fours from 104 balls. Alas for him, it was not enough.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Greenfield flicks the ball away on the on side during his match-winning innings for Sussex at Hove yesterday

SCOREBOARD FROM HOVE

LANCASHIRE	
M A Atherton c Greenfield b Drakes	2
J E R Gallian c Greenfield b Kirtley	1
J P Crawley not out	113
G D Lloyd b Robinson	4
A Flintoff c Athey b Drakes	2
*M Watkinson c Khan b K Newell	36
I D Austin c K Newell b Kirtley	97
Extras (lb 6, w 14, nb 8)	28
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs)	283

†W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin and G Chapple did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-22, 3-30, 4-38, 5-105, 6-282

BOWLING: Drakes 12-4-35-2; Kirtley 12-1-51-2; Robinson 12-1-54-1; Khan 12-1-66-0; K Newell 12-0-61-1.

Man of the match: K Greenfield

SUSSEX	
K Greenfield b Watkinson	129
C W J Athey b Austin	27
N R Taylor lbw b Austin	8
M Newell not out	75
N J Lenham not out	28
Extras (lb 5, w 10, nb 4)	19
Total (3 wkts, 58.3 overs)	286

K Newell, *†P Moores, V C Drakes, A A Khan, M A Robinson and R J Kirtley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-105, 3-233

BOWLING: Chapple 4 1-0-18-0; Martin 11 3-2-46-0; Flintoff 5 5-0-21-0; Austin 11-0-45-2; Yates 10-0-73-0; Watkinson 7-0-41-1; Gallian 7-0-37-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J F Steele

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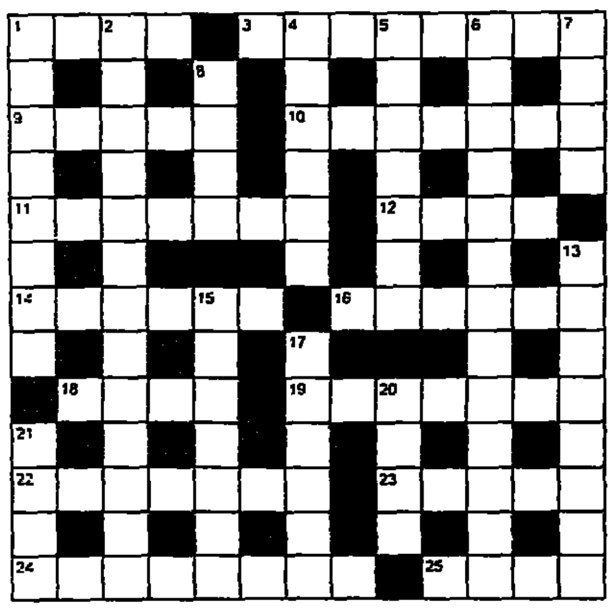

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- 9 Cuddly toy (5)
- 10 Old courtly dance (7)
- 11 Vote counters: bank clerks (7)
- 12 Stratford river (4)
- 14 Abhor (6)
- 16 Light breeze (6)
- 18 Mild, creamy Fr. cheese (4)
- 19 Valuable old piece (7)
- 22 Living in water (7)
- 23 Illegal act (5)
- 24 Timetable (8)
- 25 Satisfactory (4)

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- 2 Cope unsystematically (6,7)
- 4 Impressive: — Strindberg (6)
- 5 Leave correct course (7)
- 6 Deeply wounded (3,2,3,5)
- 7 Remove skin: John —, huntsman (4)
- 8 Exaggerated sales talk (4)
- 13 Foliage (eg for vases) (8)
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Davis Cup team feel at home in downpour

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN KIEV

SOARING temperatures earlier in the week gave way to torrential rain here yesterday when the Great Britain Davis Cup team arrived for the tie with Ukraine, which gets under way tomorrow. The deluge, which restricted practice to barely half an hour, ensured that there was a distinctly Wimbledon flavour to greet the players.

Britain's squad, headed by Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, felt comfortable when practising yesterday on a clay court that appeared quicker than its billing. Britain must win the tie to avoid a relegation decider with Hungary later this year. Victory would guarantee the nation's place in the first division of the Euro African group.

Ukraine's standard-bearer in the best-of-five rubber is Andrei Medvedev, seeded No 13 at Wimbledon, but more comfortable on clay than grass. "Medvedev is favourite to win his two singles matches and we are favourite to win the other two," David Lloyd, the Britain captain, said yesterday. "It could all come down to the doubles, but Davis Cup matches never work out as you expect."

Lloyd is satisfied with the team's fitness and morale. "All six of our players have been playing a lot of tennis," he said.

Pressure on Villeneuve to deliver

BY MICHAEL CALVIN

FRANK WILLIAMS, in a characteristically blunt response to unexpected adversity, has set the agenda for the British Grand Prix on Sunday by insisting that only victory at Silverstone will allow Jacques Villeneuve to retain a realistic chance of winning the world championship.

His faith in Villeneuve, who trails Michael Schumacher by 14 points at the halfway point of the Formula One season, is unshaken. Yet such a robust acknowledgement of the threat represented by Ferrari's renaissance underlines the impact of unaccustomed unreliability.

"Jacques has to win at Silverstone to stay on pace for the title," Williams said yesterday. "The team has to have a one-two to keep Ferrari within reach in the constructors' championship. We can't let the gap between us increase."

Villeneuve does not attempt to minimise the importance of the race, which has been won five times by a Williams-Renault in the past six years. He admits to making mistakes, especially at his home grand prix in Montreal last month, yet challenges the efficacy of the team's development programme.

"I expected to be at least a lot closer to Michael than I am now," he said. "We had an amazing car at the start of the season, but it's not that amazing any more. The problem is we haven't improved it. Everyone else has. We've been thinking about next year, and been caught out. Now we have to fight back, get back on a straight line again. There is a lot of pressure on us because of Michael's lead, and the fact that we've had a few bad races lately."

Williams is principally concerned with the reliability of his cars. In the past eight races, they have endured four accidents and three mechanical failures. Importantly, however, he relishes Villeneuve's competitive nature. He accepts that conservative accumulation of points is anathema to Villeneuve and does not expect him to act out of character.

Villeneuve insisted that, faced with similar circumstances to the last race, at Magny Cours, where he was fortunate to escape with fourth place after a rash attempt to overtake Eddie Irvine on the final bend, he would gamble everything.

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"Of course I'd do it again," he said. "That's racing. It's why I am in it, what I am meant to do. If you are just going to sit there and take your points without taking any risks, then you might as well not be a racing driver."

Such sentiments brought a smile to Williams's face. "Jacques is still the best challenger to Michael there is," he said. "Everyone makes mistakes. Melbourne was very irritating, because, without that first-corner collision, he would have cruised into the distance. He felt terrible about Montreal, so there was no need to labour the point.

"He's an intelligent individual, who is just a brilliant racer. His attitude is 'Let's go for it'. That's what I like about his character. He's very self-confident, very strong mentally. He's his own master and he can handle himself under pressure. I rely on him to use his judgment."

A second successive win by Villeneuve at Silverstone would have historical significance, as Williams's hundredth grand prix victory, but the team owner is acutely aware of Schumacher's exceptional ability.

"It's difficult for a rival team owner to be extravagant in his praise, because that automatically belittles the capabilities of his drivers," he said, "but Michael is very much in control, and Ferrari are now very reliable. He's making the most of the work done by his team."

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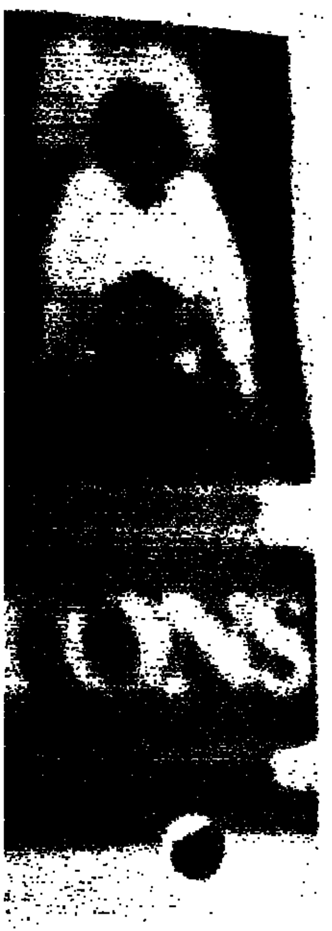

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72% of rural people believe the interests of hunted animals should come ahead of the interests of those who wish to hunt with dogs.

57% of rural people do not believe that hunting with hounds is necessary to control the numbers of animals such as foxes.

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'Old bag' diplomacy raises wrath of Austrian MPs

From Roger Boyes
in Bonn

Herr Schüssel has labelled Madeleine Albright, right, "an old Bette Davis"

THE Austrian Foreign Minister, Wolfgang Schüssel, faces a no confidence motion after reports that he has been shooting from the lip.

He is said to have described Hans Tietmeyer, the President of the Bundesbank, as a "real pig", Edith Cresson, the European Commissioner, as an "old bag" and Goran Persson, the Swedish Prime Minister, as a "dunce".

The Austrian Opposition forced the issue of Herr Schüssel's undiplomatic vocabulary onto the agenda and staged an 80-minute parliamentary debate on the subject on Tuesday. It is now pressing for a formal vote and reprimand, which will probably be held tomorrow.

"When the credibility of a Foreign Minister at home is so badly damaged, that has an impact abroad too," said Heidi Schmidt, the leader of the opposition Liberal Forum.

Herr Schüssel, who is also Deputy Chancellor of Austria, is alleged to have made the comments about Herr Tietmeyer to reporters on the fringes of the Amsterdam summit. The minister denies this, but he did not inspire trust by flying to Frankfurt last week to clarify the comments "man to man" with the Bundesbank chief. A bemused Herr Tietmeyer gave lukewarm support to the Austrian, declaring after the conversation that "misreporting was evidently to blame". The German press has been debating the difference between being a "real pig" and a false pig.

An opinion poll published in *Der Standard* newspaper yesterday showed that 45 per cent of Austrians do not believe Herr Schüssel's denial and only 34 per cent were prepared to trust him.

The *Salzburger Nachrichten* publicly dubbed the minister a liar and challenged him to sue. Herr Schüssel has declined.

Herr Schüssel, who sports a bow-tie and red-framed glasses, is the leader of the conservative People's Party and was once tipped to be a contender for Austrian Chancellor. He was regarded as a cheery figure in Vienna salons, always ready to play the piano and throw out witty remarks. These comments, however, have translated badly on the public stage.

His description of Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, as an "old Bette Davis" has done little to improve US-Austrian relations. The branding of Madame Cresson, a former French Prime Minister, raised some sniggering approval in Brussels, but to the Austrians the comments stirred the suspicion that Herr Schüssel is a featherweight in European politics.

The minister's insults are not confined to his allies. President Lukashenko of Belarus has been written off as a tinpot dictator and a visiting African foreign minister was described as a "bare-footer".

Werner Welzig, the president of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, who has made a linguistic study of German insults, believes that "intellectuals consider themselves to be particularly interesting or progressive when they express themselves in crude language".

British tourists face summer of bombs in Spain

From Giles Tremlett in Madrid

SPANISH coastal resorts face a summer of bomb attacks after three explosions yesterday at Costa Brava beaches marked the start of the annual campaign by Eta, the Basque separatist group. British tourists were among 1,000 people moved off the beaches at Lloret de Mar.

Police and fire officers scoured the beaches for bombs after a telephone warning to a local newspaper. The caller had claimed to be from Eta.

Two small bombs eventually went off on a hillside near the beach and in a waste paper basket beside a shop.

Police later exploded a third one that had been planted on the railway track at nearby Malgrat de Mar. The third bomb had been spotted by a railway employee. No warning had been given. Rail services along the Costa Brava were suspended for most of the day.

British families were also among about 1,000 tourists who were moved out of the Hotel Guitart in Lloret de Mar after a bomb threat, but nothing was found.

A government spokesman said: "This looks like the beginning of Eta's summer campaign against tourism." Security officials immediately announced a tightening of security in northeastern Spanish resorts. Eta carries out a bombing campaign against tourism, one of Spain's biggest industries, almost every year.

Last year the group exploded more than a dozen bombs at resorts around the Mediterranean and in cities such as Granada, which attract large numbers of tourists.

Twenty-four Britons were among the 35 people injured in last year's worst attack, when a bomb exploded at Reus airport in July.

☐ **Topas:** Olegario Sánchez Corrales, an extreme-left activist who was Spain's longest-serving political prisoner, walked free yesterday after more than 20 years in jail. On his release in Topas, near Salamanca, Señor Sánchez, 44, said: "I send my greetings to all the workers in Spain."

One of the original leaders of Grapo — an acronym for October 1 Anti-Fascist Resistance Groups — he was sentenced to 45 years in January 1977 for the murder of two Madrid police officers and for taking part in the kidnappings of state councillor Antonio Maria de Oriol y Urquijo in 1976 and General Emilio de Villaescusa in 1977.

Grapo, created in 1975, has been blamed for more than 80 killings, most carried out in the late 1970s and early 1980s. *(AFP)*

Seven die in Turkish jail riots

From Reuter
in Istanbul

BATON-WIELDING police yesterday quelled a riot at an Istanbul prison in which five people were killed, while two inmates died in a disturbance at a jail in western Turkey.

The Justice Minister, Oltan Sungurlu, said the deaths of the prisoners in Metris jail, Istanbul, were due to inhaling smoke as they set light to mattresses during the disturbances in reaction to the stabbing of an inmate on Monday.

Two inmates were killed in a separate incident in Alasehir jail in western Turkey, the Anatolian news agency said. The men were fatally stabbed by three prisoners who used home-made knives to take guards hostage.

Prisoners in Turkey are held in large, overcrowded dormitories. Metris, a former military prison, holds 1,200 people despite being built for 700.

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Denny Méndez qualified for the contest by gaining Italian citizenship through her stepfather. Organisers say "racists" have forced them to change the rules

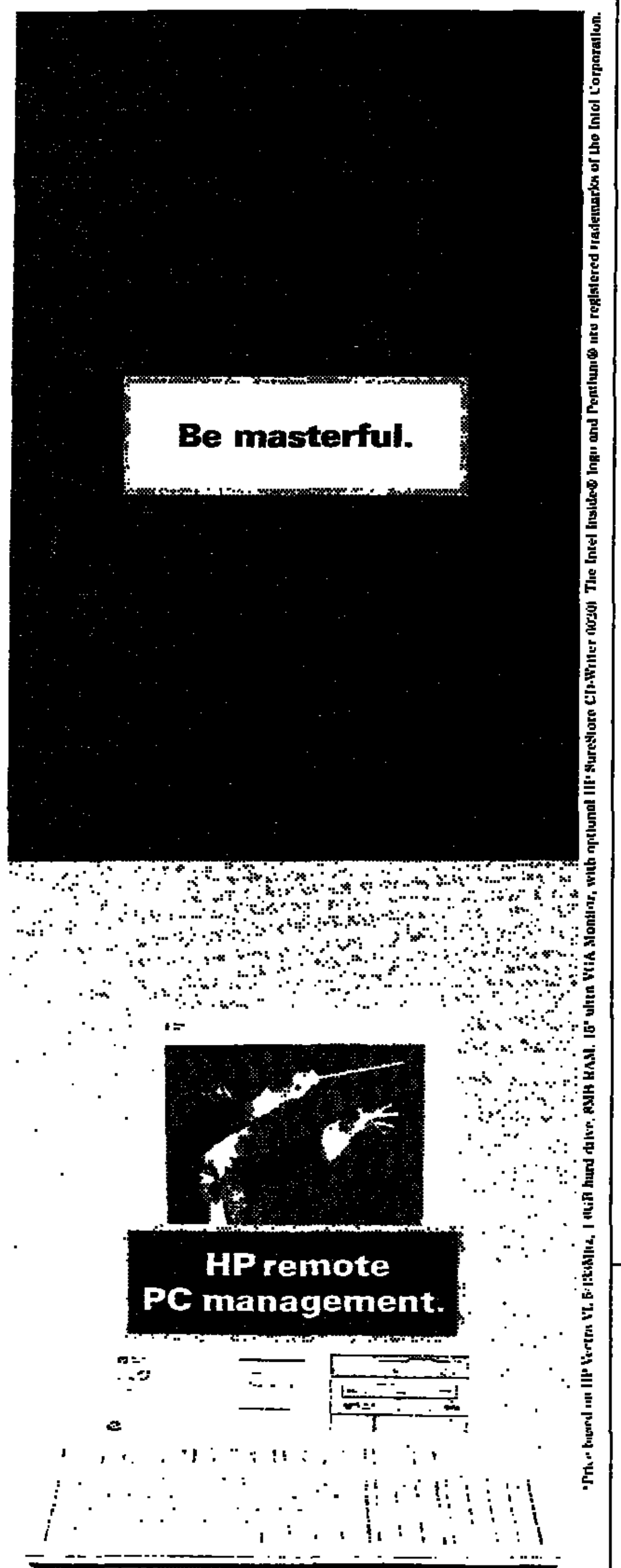
Race row unveils ugly side of Italy's beauty contest

From Richard Owen
in Rome

ORGANISERS of the Miss Italy beauty contest were yesterday accused of racism after changing the contest's rules to ensure that a "native Italian" wins this year.

The rule change follows controversy over last year's contest, which was won by Denny Méndez, 19, a black girl born in the Dominican Republic, *Corriere della Sera* reported. She has since become a popular figure.

But Enzo Mirigliani, the impresario who runs the contest, said the "polemics" over Signora Méndez's colour had brought the event into disrepute, with "racists" demanding a "typically Mediterranean" winner. She qualified as a contestant because, although she was born outside Italy, her mother later married an Italian and they acquired his citizenship. Under the new rules, contestants must have at least one "native-born" Italian parent.



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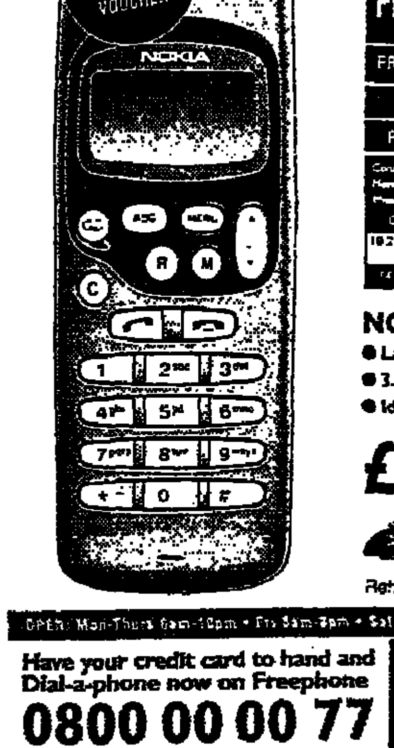

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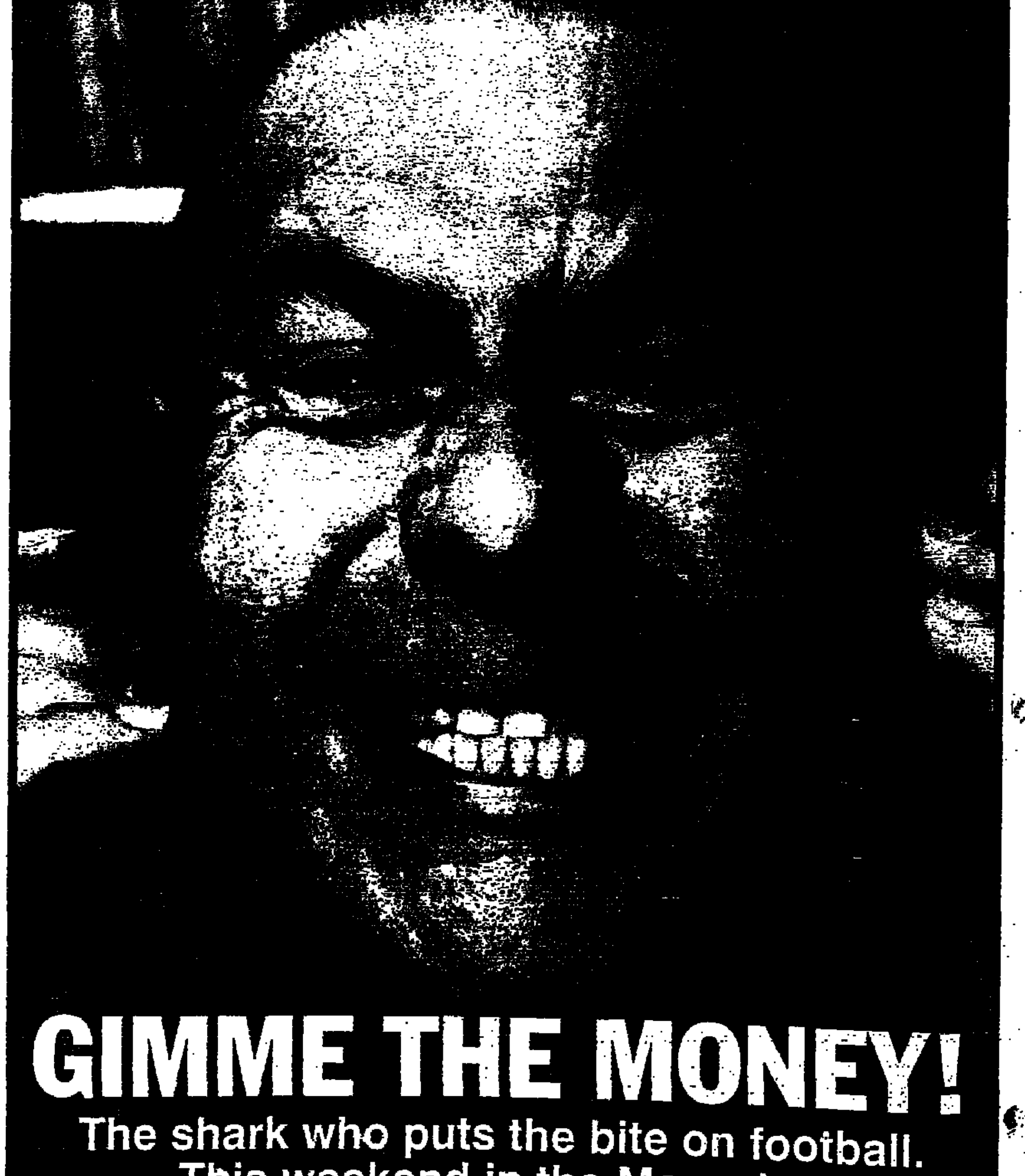

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Moi unleashes police invasion of campus

Whips, batons and gas used to prevent Nairobi protest

From Sam Kiley in Nairobi

CHOKING with teargas, F.W. Kenyanjui almost made it through a gauntlet of whips, clubs and kicks before being pole-axed by a policeman who was laughing.

As the cry of "Ua!" (kill) left the officer's lips, the third-year art student crashed on to his side and immediately went into a seizure. His head nodded insanely into the tarmac, foam poured from his mouth as the police turned their attention to thrashing other students teargassed out of their halls of residence.

Ordered by President Moi to prevent a threatened march on State House, where he was holding a summit with the Presidents of Sudan and Eritrea and the Ethiopian Prime Minister, the police relished their work.

With battle cries, they swarmed through Nairobi University campus yesterday, beating students and dons indiscriminately. Teargas from the assault drifted onto the terrace of the Norfolk hotel, where tourists waited for buses to Kenya's game parks, as police broke up a non-violent demonstration calling for the right to free assembly in Kenya and a day of mourning for students killed by police earlier in the week. This week's toll had climbed to 14 with the deaths on Tuesday of four students from beatings by police during Monday's demonstrations.

> ‘Students were driven out as if they were game in a hunt’

An official at the Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi yesterday described Mr Kenyanjui's chances of not being the fifteenth as "so so" after he was admitted in a coma. His back has been badly bruised by the thrashings he had suffered after packing his belongings in university digs on State House Avenue, close to the official residence of President Moi. But the real damage was done by a single blow to the back of his head which drove a square inch of skull into his brain.

When bystanders appealed to the police to help them to carry him to a clinic near by, officers sniggered. "Help what?" they asked in Swahili as they jogged along a blood-spattered road after more victims.

When Mr Kenyanjui was carried into a university clinic, a doctor took one look at him and condemned Mr Moi's security forces as "animals", shouting: "They [the students] were given no time to leave. They were driven out of the residences as if they were game in a hunt."

The attacks on demonstrators calling for political reforms have left scores in hospital. Most notable among them was the Rev Timothy Njoya, the Nairobi Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, who was bludgeoned to his knees. Yesterday he was taken off the critical list in Nairobi hospital, where he lay with his head bandaged and one arm in plaster. Others were less fortunate.

A female design student was shot at point-blank range in the stomach while sitting at her desk in an examination room. She was in a critical condition yesterday.

President Moi, 73, ordered all Nairobi University campuses closed yesterday and sent his men in to clear out the students, so dispersing a hotbed of discontent that had become a focus of international outrage after Monday's killings.

In sending the students home he may have removed the "storm troopers" of the Opposition. But after condemnation for his actions from Tony Lloyd, Britain's Minister for African affairs, the US State Department and human rights groups, leaders of the Opposition said that they had won the battle for Nairobi University.

☐ **TV chiefs suspended:** Kenyan television station KTN yesterday suspended two senior officials responsible for news broadcasts. No reason was given for the action against Vitalis Musebe, the editor-in-chief, and Isayah Kabira, his deputy, but the station had shown graphic footage of police officers beating political protesters on Monday. *(AFP)*

CORINNE DUFKA / REUTER

Kenyan police yesterday confront university students protesting at the death of four friends in Monday's demonstrations

Summit fiasco for an absolute ruler who never learnt to live with dissent

By Sam Kiley

MAN IN THE NEWS

PRESIDENT MOI'S attempts to play the elder statesman of Central and East Africa fell flat at a summit of regional heads of government as students were teargassed and beaten a few hundred yards from the summit venue yesterday.

With the embarrassing end to the summit aimed at ending conflicts in Somalia and Sudan, Mr Moi fund himself alienated from his own people and humiliated in front of his peers.

His style has been no less violent than that of Mobutu Sese Seko, former Zaire's ruler. His skill has been in taking one step forward on the road to reform, and then inching back into the role of Kenya's absolute ruler.

Representing minority tribes as Vice-President under Jomo Kenyatta, a member of the Kikuyu (the largest and richest ethnic group), Mr Moi took power on the death of his predecessor in 1979.

Since then his schizophrenic behaviour has persistently wrongfooted foreign donors who have been anxious to press the former British colony into reforms without wrecking its economy.

But Mr Moi has recently inflamed the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund over his refusal to prosecute political allies involved in the massive Goldenberg fraud, which cost the Government £300 million. The bodies last week froze $36 million (£21 million) in protest.

A reluctant "convert" to multi-party democracy, Mr Moi, 73, bowed to pressure to hold multi-party elections in 1992. Not happy to enjoy splits in the Opposition which would have ensured him victory, he rigged the polls and bought off his opponents. In the last quarter of that year Kenya's money supply exploded by 40 per cent.

Having won the 1992 elections, he said political pluralism would lead to tribal conflict. He then set about ensuring his predictions would come true by unleashing members of his Kalenjin tribe and their allies, the Masai, on Kikuyu farmers in fertile volcanic highlands of the Rift Valley. He drove more than 300,000 people into refugee camps.

Little accurate information on Mr Moi's murky finances is available. But investigations by *The Times* have identified one close associate who runs a portfolio of $600 million for the President. Other sources said that this was one of three major portfolios.

To maintain some international credibility, Mr Moi has freed the local press and given Kenya's central bank limited autonomy. But he continues to refuse to allow opposition MPs to address political rallies in the run-up to elections this year.

It is this refusal which has brought demonstrators onto streets over the past two months.

Kenya's sad irony is that the Opposition is so divided that he would easily win elections even if he bowed to demands for reform.

But Mr Moi, who carries an ivory and silver club like a sceptre in public, cannot cope with the idea of public dissent. He sees himself as an absolute ruler, perhaps one of Africa's last.

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President's church ally in marital row

Wife sets fire to home that preacher shared with other woman

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

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Deborah Lyons, left, and the Rev Henry Lyons, above. Mrs Lyons set fire to the house, below, after finding her husband co-owned it with another woman

THE HEAD of America's biggest black church was yesterday at the centre of adultery allegations after his wife was arrested for setting fire to a Florida mansion owned by him and another woman.

Deborah Lyons, wife of the Rev Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention and a personal friend of President Clinton, has admitted setting fire to the $700,000 (£416,000) waterfront home in Tampa Bay. The blaze caused $30,000 damage.

Although she denied yesterday that her husband had been engaged in an affair with Bernice Edwards, the joint owner of the house, the local sheriff's department said Mrs Lyons had told police she had set fire to the property after "coming to realise that her husband was sharing the home with another woman".

Mrs Lyons, 49, who has been released on bail, faces arson and burglary charges.

She had earlier admitted to police that she smashed lamps, ripped the stuffing out of cushions and upholstered furniture before starting several fires when she discovered some of her husband's clothing in the house.

On the way home, the police department said, Mrs Lyons smashed her black Mercedes into a palm tree near the family home in St Petersburg, Florida. She was alleged only recently to have found a March 1996 deed for the Tampa Bay house in her husband's briefcase which showed that he and Ms Edwards were the co-owners.

Despite her earlier comments, Mrs Lyons claimed yesterday there had been a misunderstanding and said she had in fact known about the other property for some time, that it was used as a guest house and that Ms Edwards was merely her husband's business partner.

"My husband has always been very above-board with me," she said. "I have no reason to doubt him at all."

Mr Lyons, 55, at the head of the 8.5 million ministry, the largest black denomination in America, has become highly visible during Mr Clinton's tenure at the White House. He preaches economic self-sufficiency for blacks and has founded Trusted Partners, a national ministry which seeks to make men more responsible for their families.

He first met Mr Clinton in 1994 when the President spoke at the denomination's convention in New Orleans. He again addressed the Baptists in Orlando last year. In fact, the relationship had blossomed when the preacher joined Mr Clinton in refusing to endorse the Million Man March which was organised by Louis Farrakhan, leader of the radical Nation of Islam, in 1995.

Mr Lyons is not the first preacher to face allegations of sexual misconduct. The Rev Jim Bakker, one of America's most popular "televangelists", resigned from his ministry in 1987 after admitting to extramarital sex. Jimmy Swaggart, a rival televangelist, was forced to resign a year later after he admitted wearing a disguise and paying a prostitute to perform sexual acts other than intercourse.

UN seeks Cyprus honeymoon

From James Bone in Troutbeck, New York State

CYPRUS'S rival leaders booked into a honeymoon lodge here yesterday for a renewed effort to make peace on their divided island.

President Clerides of the Greek south and Rauf Denktash, leader of the Turkish north, will be cut off in the Troutbeck Inn, whose motto is "Love at first sight", for five days of negotiations.

The United Nations, which is organising the talks, chose the location to allow the two men the chance to take long walks together if that can be engineered. Officials hope their isolation will hasten progress towards a settlement as it did when Bosnian leaders were held incommunicado in Dayton for peace talks.

The negotiations are being chaired by Diego Cordóvez, the UN official who brokered the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. Ten other countries have appointed special envoys to the talks, but they will not be allowed to stay at the Troutbeck Inn. Britain is represented by Sir David Hannay.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, says he hopes for "incremental" progress towards a new federal structure for Cyprus, which has been split since Turkey invaded the north in 1974.

A second round of talks is scheduled for Geneva in August, and the two leaders may return for a third round in New York in September. No final settlement is expected until after the Greek Cypriot elections in February.

Diplomats are pushing for a settlement so the island can be admitted to the European Union in the next wave of new members.

Cigar-smoking supermodel draws fire

By Tunku Varadarajan

AUSTRALIAN anti-smoking campaigners have attacked Elle Macpherson, the supermodel, for posing with a lighted cigar in her mouth for an American smokers' magazine.

Arthur Chesterfield-Evans, of the Non-smokers' Movement of Australia, condemned Ms Macpherson for her "pro-smoking" stance. In a vein that was not quite chivalrous, he said: "When her beauty has gone, all that she will have left behind is a whole heap of people dying from cancer."

The supermodel's crime, in the eyes of the campaigners, was to have appeared on the cover of a recent issue of *Smoke* magazine, puffing on a long cigar. Inside the magazine, there are more photographs of her, wearing form-fitting leggings, a leather jacket and a plumed boa, with a fat Cuesta Rey Maduro No 2 clenched between her teeth.

Ms Macpherson has also been attacked for her words. *Smoke* quotes her as saying that "cigar smoking has become such a fashionable thing now".

She adds: "I started smoking cigars when I was in Europe. I can tell you exactly when I had my first cigar. It was in Morocco in 1982.

"I was at a hotel for lunch, sitting in the sun, drinking a very good white wine, with the smell of orange in the air . . . My head was spinning and I just thought it was this wonderful kind of high."

Dr Chesterfield-Evans condemned Ms Macpherson for playing the "product placement" game. He said: "The tobacco industry gets high-profile people to smoke cigarss and make it seem acceptable, and then the poorer people will smoke cigarettes to pretend they are the same as them."

☐ Madrid: President Clinton said yesterday that a key part of the settlement between American states and tobacco companies would impose an "unreasonable restriction" on tobacco regulation and ought to be changed.

At a news conference after the Nato summit, he said that he was concerned about the part dealing with Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco, which said it could not ban nicotine in cigarettes for some years and would have to show that an eventual ban would not create a black market in nicotine cigarettes. *(Reuter)*

Lawyers' loose ends trip up Chinese rulers

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

BARELY a week into its existence, the new Hong Kong Government has floundered in a legal quagmire over its appointed Legislative Council, as well as smuggled children, election regulations and workers' rights.

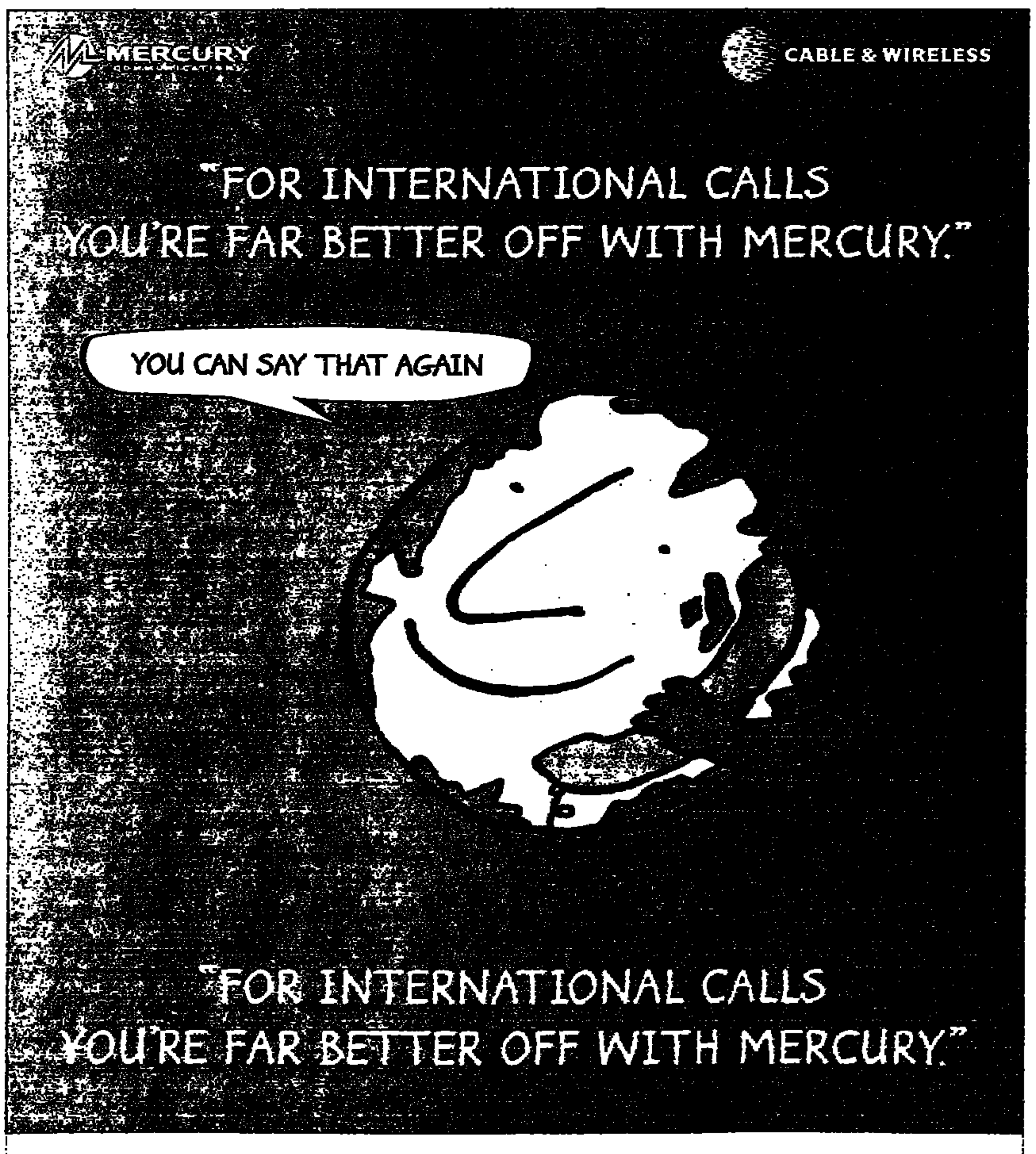
A trade union leader began a five-day hunger strike yesterday to challenge the Government's decision to overturn laws voted in by the now expunged elected Legislative Council.

The Court of Appeal will now consider the legality of the new council on July 22, a week earlier than planned. The uncertainty has caused a logjam in the lower courts where lawyers are questioning laws the council passed immediately after the handover. Months ago Hong Kong's Democratic Party, the largest single bloc in the previous council, threatened to sue its Beijing-appointed successor. The Democrats were backed by the leading bar associations which also opposed dissolving the elected council.

If the court here finds the Provisional LegCo to be illegal a way will probably be found for the case to be heard by China's National People's Congress; if that body overturns the Hong Kong court's ruling, according to Raymond Wacks, Professor of Law in Hong Kong University, it will appear that " Beijing can just wave its magic wand and establish a new legislature".

In a second sign of legal desperation, the Provisional Legislative Council, heeding instructions from Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, to conduct all three readings on the same day, passed a Bill making it illegal for mainland-born children of Hong Kong parents who were smuggled into Hong Kong to live here.

In the view of lawyers and social workers, expelling such children violates the Basic Law, China's mini-constitution for Hong Kong, which stipulates that a child with a Hong Kong parent has the right to live here regardless of their place of birth.



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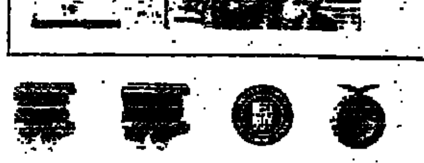

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Clinton linked to key figure in funding scandal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton personally persuaded the Democrats to hire John Huang, the figure at the heart of Washington's fundraising scandal, a Senate hearing was told yesterday.

Richard Sullivan, the former financial director for the Democratic National Committee, told a packed meeting on Capitol Hill that numerous efforts had been made to secure a role for Mr Huang at the party's fundraising headquarters in Washington.

Chief among those who had lobbied on his behalf were Arkansas associates of the Lippo Group — the multinational owned by Indonesians with interests in China — senior White House staff and, latterly, Mr Clinton.

At issue in the hearings is whether the President and his staff solicited and accepted illegal donations to election funds from foreign citizens and businesses.

Mr Huang, born in China and brought up in Taiwan, was a former employee of the Lippo Group in Little Rock, Arkansas. He subsequently joined the Commerce Department before becoming a senior fundraiser for the Democratic National Committee.

For the first time this week, he offered to testify before the Senate governmental affairs committee under limited immunity from prosecution for election law violations.

The sudden *volte face* prompted American commentators to speculate that he may become the John Dean of the controversy. Mr Dean's disclosures led to Richard Nixon's downfall during the Watergate investigations.

Mr Sullivan, who left the party headquarters in March after two years as finance director, said that both the President and Harold Ickes, then deputy White House Chief of Staff, had talked to Marvin Rosen, the organisation's finance chairman, about a job for Mr Huang.

"[Mr Rosen] mentioned that at some point in passing, the President had asked him if he had heard that John was interested in coming to the DNC," Mr Sullivan said.

Earlier he claimed he had seen no evidence that the Democrats had engaged in irregular fundraising, but added that Republicans had a better system for vetting campaign contributions. Mr Sullivan's testimony before Fred Thompson, the Republican senator and film actor, and John Glenn, the Democratic senator and former astronaut, appeared to confirm the shadowy influence of the Riady family, the Indonesian owners of the Lippo Group. It also underlined the fact that Mr Clinton had a powerful network of Arkansas fundraisers with Asian connections, long before he became President.

Sullivan: taking oath in Senate yesterday

Mr Sullivan said that Joseph Giroir and Mark Middleton, Little Rock lawyers who acted as deal-makers for Lippo in the United States, had pressed the White House and the committee to hire Mr Huang.

As the second day of hearings started, Democratic Party officials tried to discredit Mr Sullivan, 33, as someone who was struggling to save his own skin: "His recollection is probably shaded by the fact that these problems occurred in his department on his watch," one said.

Mr Clinton, in Madrid for the Nato summit, was vague about his personal intervention for Mr Huang. "I may have said to someone that he wanted to work for the DNC," the President said.

"I had known him for several years, going back to my service as Governor, so I knew who he was.

"Most people do not volunteer for fundraising, it is an onerous task. I think I would have recommended anyone who had volunteered."

Floodwaters continue to rise near Prerov in the Czech Republic yesterday

Death toll grows in European floods

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WARSAW

FLOODS that have killed at least 23 people and forced major evacuations in Poland and the Czech Republic spread yesterday as heavy rain continued for a fifth day.

Rail and road traffic in western Poland and eastern Czech areas were disrupted as roads, bridges and anti-flood dams were deluged. Eight border crossings between Poland and the Czech Republic were closed.

Charities in both countries appealed for food, blankets, clothing and donations, and Czech television called for drinking water to replace contaminated supplies.

Since the floods began on Monday, rescue teams have evacuated more than 60,000 people in southern Poland. Many people initially refused to leave their homes because they feared looting, a fire brigade official said.

Four more deaths were reported in Poland yesterday, including a man who drowned as he clung to a floating log, raising the toll to 14. Nine died and three were missing in the Czech Republic, officials said. Other reports said that at least ten people had drowned and 30 were missing.

Polish rescue officials in Cracow were on alert after the River Vistula rose more than 9ft above danger levels. Hundreds were evacuated from their homes in the southern towns of Oswiecim and Czestochowa as floods neared.

Austrian officials estimated water damage in Vienna at £1 million after what television called the worst summer flooding in 50 years. Authorities have forbidden swimming in the New Danube.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodia royalty flee coup

Phnom Penh: At least ten members of Cambodia's royal family joined a huge exodus yesterday, fleeing a tense capital firmly in the grip of Hun Sen, the former second Co-Prime Minister, who assumed sole power in a coup two days ago, ousting his rival Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

The royal family, including the eldest daughter of the absent King Norodom Sihanouk, joined thousands of foreigners in the airlift. *(AFP)*

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Blast kills 15

Bucharest: Fifteen people died and an IAR93 aircraft was destroyed in an explosion as the plane prepared for takeoff to test ammunition at a Romanian military airbase near Craiova. *(AP)*

Venice jailings

Venice: An Italian court jailed eight separatists for up to six years and ordered to them pay £52,000 damages for storming the bell tower in St Mark's Square in an independence demonstration. *(Reuter)*

Time lord

Seoul: North Korea adopted a new calendar that counts time beginning with the birth of its late leader, Kim Il Sung, revered like a god, who died at 82 on July 8, 1994 — making 1997 the year 86. *(AP)*

Fruits of labour

Moscow: Dockers in the southern Russian port of Taganrog, who are being paid in tins of pineapples because of a shortage of cash, are selling them on the streets to raise money for other food. *(Reuter)*

Israel accuses Arafat over brutal monastery eviction

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday accused Yassir Arafat of abusing the Christian population under his jurisdiction after Palestinian police assaulted a Hebron monastery and brutally evicted the "White Russian" clerics, severely beating two nuns who needed hospital treatment.

The operation by several dozen members of Mr Arafat's security forces was a victory for the Russian Orthodox Patriarch, Aleksi II, who is struggling to recover church properties across the world lost during the Soviet era to offshoot churches-in-exile known as "White Russian".

The assault on Abraham's Oak Russian Monastery has provoked an international outcry. Once evicted, the clerics from the New York-based Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia were replaced by "Red Russian" clergymen from the Moscow-based Orthodox Church. The New York-based Russian Orthodox Archbishop Laurus, who opposes Patriarch Aleksi, condemned the forcible eviction as "a flagrant violation of international law".

The Government of Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday issued a detailed communiqué about the assault, claiming that one of the monks had been handcuffed and thrown to the ground where he was stamped on before being evicted. The Israelis claim that the violence violated the 1993 peace treaty with the PLO, with its pledge to respect religious rights of "Jews, Christians, Muslims and Samaritans".

The move by the PLO forces followed a meeting last month between Patriarch Aleksi and Mr Arafat at which the Palestinian leader pledged to interfere in the bitter Russian church dispute and help the Red Russians to regain property in Palestinian areas. Yesterday, the White Russians said they now feared a similar assault on their monastery near Jericho in the West Bank.

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£50,000+	5.00	4.00
£100,000+	5.50	4.40
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	Gross %	Net %
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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the dangers of drinking fruit juice; the benefits of taking folic acid before pregnancy; a rare kidney disease; trouble with talcum powder; and why too many hospital patients die from pulmonary embolism

Leave the fruit juice for later

There would seem to be no healthier way of starting the day than to breakfast on a large glass of fruit juice and some honeyed toast. Yet scientists working in Cambridge have shown recently that the fructose in the honey, and to a lesser extent in fruit juices, causes a release of very low-density lipoproteins into the bloodstream if taken when a person is fasting. These lipoproteins are suspect blood fats which may later give rise to furred-up arteries. Breakfast should, in the opinion of the scientists, consist of polysaccharides such as porridge and cereals, with some protein if desired but not much fat.

Fruit juices, like bacon and eggs, are much better for the circulation if taken later in the day, when the body is more adept at coping with a fatty meal.

While the British breakfast was being derided in Cambridge, the American Academy of Paediatrics was attacking mothers who give their children too much fruit juice, allowing them to graduate from their babies' milk bottles to unlimited juices.

The paediatricians were not interested in the effect of fruit juices on children's arteries, but on the influence they might have on appetite, teeth and digestion. Too much juice is increasingly being diagnosed as the cause of otherwise inexplicable diarrhoea in toddlers.

The American Academy recommends that young children should not have more than half a pint of fruit juice daily. Some paediatricians would deny babies aged less than six months any fruit juice at all, others recommend withholding it until the child is a year old.

Most children love fruit juice

Adult patients are quite often totally unaware that fruit juice is very rich in sugar, and therefore potentially fattening. An overweight person will describe his or her diet to the doctor but omit to mention fruit juice, thinking it of no greater relevance than a glass of water. Yet fruit juice takes the edge off the appetite, and can cause obesity in adults just as it can in children. Unfortunately, although fruit juice is rich in calories and many important vitamins, it is not complete nutritionally, so people of any age who rely on it can become malnourished while simultaneously becoming obese.

American paediatricians claim that under-fives who have easy access to fruit juices are three times more likely to be overweight, although shorter in stature, than their more restrained contemporaries. Children who drink fruit juice should also use a straw, in the opinion of paediatricians, as this helps to protect teeth from contact with the sugary juice.

It would be a pity if adverse publicity stopped people from drinking fruit juice altogether. Fruit is rich in vitamin C, beta-carotene and probably a host of other antioxidants. Fruit is therefore a valuable part of any diet, particularly as the antioxidants are likely to have a long-term effect in reducing the incidence of heart disease, malignancies and even, possibly, various degenerative conditions. There also seems to be an association between antioxidant vitamins and people's resistance to infection.

Although vitamin supplements are valuable, there is evidence that these should not be used simply to replace vitamins derived from natural foods.

An excessive intake of fruit juice may increase the number of malnourished, overweight, stunted toddlers with decaying teeth, but the great majority of small children will, like their parents, benefit from a couple of glasses of fruit juice daily. The older generation would perhaps be wise, however, to wait until lunchtime before they have their daily ration.

SWNS

Special glow: four-months pregnant Anneka Rice carries the radiance of an expectant mother

Babies benefit from folic acid

THE vigorous campaign of the Health Education Authority to persuade women who could become pregnant to take additional folic acid is bearing fruit.

To reduce the incidence of central nervous system conditions such as spina bifida, cleft palate and other congenital abnormalities, increased folic acid in the form of small, tasteless tablets, should be taken before conception, as well as during the first few months of pregnancy.

In 1993, only 2 per cent of women were taking additional folic acid when they became pregnant. This has now risen to 30 per cent, and currently two thirds of general practitioners are recommending extra folic acid to their patients. However, by the time they first see them it is often too late to gain maximum advantage.

This still leaves 70 per cent of women who are risking the welfare and physical fitness of their babies by failing to take folic acid while they are likely to become pregnant.

Kidney baby Chloe is one in five million

CHLOE GOODRUM, a three-year-old from Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, has just had her second kidney removed at Guy's Hospital, London. She is now dependent on dialysis. Chloe suffers from a very rare form of congenital renal failure, known as congenital nephrotic syndrome, or Finnish nephrotic syndrome.

Only one baby in five million is born with this syndrome, which is a familial condition inherited as an auto-somal recessive characteristic. This means that both parents must have been carrying the aberrant gene. The chances of two people carrying this defect, meeting, and then marrying, must be very remote.

The syndrome is present at birth, the renal failure soon supervenes, and the baby usually requires dialysis from about the age of one. Chloe has done well, but a kidney transplant offers the only hope of a normal life. Donor kidneys, always in short supply, have been scarcer since the advent of seat-belts in cars.

The risks of using talc

FOR SOME years, the danger to the patient from talcum powder which has come off the surgeon's glove during an abdominal operation has been recognised, and substitute powders recommended.

A new hazard has recently been reported in *GP Magazine*. Researchers at Yale University, aware of studies which showed that talcum powder when applied to a woman's abdomen and perineum can travel up the vagina and through the uterus before coming to rest near the ovaries, decided to investigate whether there was a link between the powder and cancer of the ovary.

The Yale team inteviewed 1,000 women with cancer of the ovary, and found that they were 42 per cent more likely to have applied talcum powder than were a control group.

There was no obvious link between the frequency with which the powder was used, and the likelihood of developing cancer. There are several factors which may not have been taken into consideration, so these results should not cause alarm. But it would, perhaps, be as well to rely on a towel, rather than powder.

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Why there are too many clot deaths

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It is not remarkable that 9 per cent of patients admitted to hospital die while there, but it is remarkable that 10 per cent of these deaths (0.9 per cent of all admissions) are the result of pulmonary embolism, because treatment is available which could reduce this mortality by 75 per cent. The tragedy is that many of the victims of pulmonary emboli are still comparatively young and might have expected many more years of active life.

A deep vein thrombosis is a clot which forms in the vein when a patient is inactive and the venous circulation is sluggish. Clots usually form in the veins in the legs or pelvis. Part of the thrombus, the clot, may break off and enter the pulmonary circulation, where, by obstructing a pulmonary vessel, it can cause destruction of such a large part of the lung that breathing is impossible, and one of the most sudden deaths known can follow.

More candid reports on hospital performance, including the release of mortality figures after similar operations, will serve to concentrate the minds of doctors on ways of keeping their patients alive. One of the most readily available means would be to make greater use of low molecular weight heparin as a prophylactic anti-coagulant before surgery with those patients who are in the high risk groups. Post-mortem examination demonstrates a deep vein thrombosis in eight out of ten patients who have died of a pulmonary embolism. Many of the patients would have had signs and symptoms of a deep vein thrombosis, but these may be so mild as to be easily missed on clinical examination. Low molecular weight heparin is given before surgery, and is continued after the operation for at least ten days, or until the risk of thrombosis and embolism has passed.

Some British surgeons have been loath to use low molecular weight heparin routinely in high-risk patients. A survey conducted in 1993 showed that only 46 per cent of patients who were at increased risk — either because of the nature of their operation, their age, or general health — received this potentially lifesaving measure. This figure has now risen to 84 per cent. Other surgeons were using standard heparin, warfarin, or relied upon such mechanical anti-thrombotic measures as elastic surgical stockings or early mobility. An appreciable number of surgeons were not recommending any measures.

Are you at a high risk of suffering a deep vein thrombosis?

The value of low molecular weight heparin became established nearly ten years ago, when research was published in the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis*, and at about the same time, 16 different studies were analysed and reported on in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. These reports showed that without prophylactic anti-coagulation, 531 of every 1,000 at-risk patients who underwent surgery would have a deep vein thrombosis, and 51 would expect to have a pulmonary embolus. Of these, 19 would die.

The more old-fashioned standard heparin, which carries with it an increased risk of severe haemorrhage, improved the figures so that 250 would have a deep vein thrombosis, 24 would have an embolus, and a death rate of nine could be expected. With low molecular weight heparin, 125 could expect a deep vein thrombosis, 12 an embolism, and there would be a death rate of five per thousand.

As low molecular weight heparin has a greater effect on thrombus formation than does standard heparin, but has a smaller influence on platelet activity, it is unlikely to cause haemorrhage during the operation. It is cost-effective, for although it is costly, it would save much of the £220 million spent on the treatment of pulmonary emboli.

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DARRYN LYONS

Dealers going into a bidding frenzy at the futures exchange in London. When you're a high-rolling City whiz-kid, being pleasant doesn't seem a worthwhile option, and charm isn't considered a valuable commodity

'It's not every day you trouser £200,000'

In the City the bonus boys are back, as bold and brash as ever. **Bill Frost** meets one who admits that even his shrink can't stand him

Geoff is angry when we meet for lunch — a domestic drama has become a full-blown crisis. The caterers haven't enough lobster for that night's party in the marquee and the DJ will be late.

A cloud now hangs over the SW10 "megabash" that this young City dealer is organising to celebrate payment of a bonus from his grateful employers. "It's not every day you trouser £200,000; the least you can do is have a decent thrash," he says irritably.

His mobile phone plays the *Marseillaise* again. Less than 30 seconds into the conversation, Geoff is swearing loudly enough to startle a couple at the next table. The public school accent seems grossly at odds with the vile vocabulary and casual fluency with which his insults are delivered.

After almost running out of profanities, Geoff adopts the clipped tones of a man whose disappointment outweighs anger. "Look, chum, this was going to be a big night and you have let me down badly. Not enough f***ing lobster and no bloody DJ until we're all under the table — this is a joke."

It is not hard to dislike Geoff. He doesn't really cherish himself and admits that the therapist he sees twice a week doesn't care for him much either.

"I suppose I am a bit of a bastard, but that's the job. My firm expects 200 per cent from me and, in return, I expect the same commitment from the people I employ to provide me with a service — anything less is a total betrayal."

Geoff, who will not allow his surname to be published, earns "more than is good for him". A salary of £350,000 and bonuses beyond one's wildest dreams — his reward for dealing in anything from baked beans to sterling — have made him a "bit of a monster".

Of course, he's not alone — the bonus boys are back in strength, but without the braces. For this new generation, the Black Thursday crash in August 1987, Black Monday two months later — when £100 billion was wiped from shares — and Black Wednesday in September 1992 — when the exchange-rate mechanism had the pound reeling on the ropes — are ancient history.

Now the market is buoyant again, champagne sales are up in City wine bars and taxi drivers are on fat tips once more. With six-figure bonuses a commonplace, these new Masters of the Universe can afford to be generous.

But Geoff's job, two failed relationships and "a bit of a problem with Charlie [cocaine]" have soured his view of the human race. "Frankly, I find it difficult to make friends with anyone who is not in my line of work and not making my kind of money."

His friend Rob admits, in broad Estuary English: "Geoff is not an easy bloke — but, then, I suppose few of us are."

"Geoff is a serious spender," says Rob. "He can afford to be — he's paid on results, and his are among the best on the block."

> 'I find it hard to make friends with people who aren't in my line of work and don't make my kind of money'

The conversation is again interrupted by the trill of a mobile phone. Geoff's garden party in Parsons Green seems safe after all — there *is* enough lobster and it looks as though the DJ *will* be on time.

"So where do you want to begin?" he asks, chopping and lighting a Romeo y Julieta cigar. No question is necessary, however, as Geoff launches into a well-rehearsed CV which has the couple at the next table intently listening once more.

"I'm 29 and in my prime. Things can only get better for the next five years and by then I will have made enough to get out," he says.

"My folks are from Dorset and rather well off. I never really worried about the future because I always knew there was a safety net.

"My A levels were crap, but I am streetwise and there was an uncle in the City with connections. I didn't disappoint him — I'm a natural when taking risks with other people's money."

His first salary cheque was a little "underwhelming". However, the backroom job confirming deals (a paltry £23,000 a year) was a stepping stone to greatness.

"Once you start dealing successfully, the sky is the limit. The old guys who don't have the bottle to do it themselves pay us Young Turks to take the risks for them.

"Providing you don't mess up, they'll let you have you your head and pay you a drop-dead salary. Once I made the transition from the backroom to the limelight, I decided I had to look and act the part. I bought a place in Docklands when the market was relatively low and began having suits made for me.

"I bought the flat when the market was low and sold when it was hotting up — that was a profit of about £40,000. At about the same time I got a company car — a top of the range 7 Series BMW."

The first bonus — "a week's hard graft well rewarded with £100K" — came when Geoff decided to move from the East End to a £350,000 home in Parsons Green, "the best bit of Fulham". He took out a mortgage to cover the shortfall and within a couple of months was able to pay off the bank.

"The house must be worth £600K now — it's a great feeling when you're on a roll. I kept on winning . . . whatever I touched turned to gold.

"I bought a place in Norfolk for £110,000 and a BMW soft-top 5 Series for my then girlfriend, Philly. I thought we were going to last but it all went down the tubes.

"I was working seven to seven and partying before going home. She put up with a lot I suppose, so I let her keep the Beemer."

As his salary rose, Geoff began to party more furiously in the few hours left free to him. "I got into the Charlie because it helps you make the best of your leisure time, or so I thought.

"It never interfered with work but was death to my second relationship, with Julia. When I did come home, I wasn't much fun to be with — yammering on about work and the next day's deal."

Geoff has broken his habit now, but only after a senior colleague compelled him to seek help. "I was still making the money but apparently being a bit of a bastard. And when you are no longer clubbable among your own, that is very bad news."

He will not discuss his rehabilitation but is willing to explain how he became "open to temptation". A disposable income of £18,000 every month is very hard to spend, he says, much to the fury of the couple at the next table.

"I've no mortgage to pay, the company now coughs up for the car of my choice and no matter how many new suits I buy, nightclubs or flash restaurants I use, there is still cash spilling about.

"Sure, this isn't going to last, but I am putting money aside for my real life post-30. I have this dream of buying a vineyard near St Emilion and having my name on the label."

Geoff's reverie is interrupted by the *Marseillaise* being played again and cigar ash drops on his suit. "Yes, on my way," he snarls at the mobile.

"Great bloke," says Rob, as we watch his friend flag down a taxi. "He's a toff and I'm from Chigwell but we get on famously.

"I'm 25 now, and by the time I'm Geoff's age, I'm going to be on Geoff's money. It's Hugo Boss suits at the moment but, give it a year or so, and I'll be threaded up in Savile Row, too."

I ask Rob: Is Geoff happy, though? He pauses for a second and chews on a fingernail.

"Well wouldn't you be on that wedge?" he asks. "You've got the salary, the cars, the suits, the women, the whole life package . . . only a plank wouldn't see that as a major life result."

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I may be clumsy, but I'm right

Robert Ayling rejects charges that BA is union-busting

As I write this there is strong evidence that the British Airways cabin crew strike called by the British Airlines Stewards' and Stewardesses' Association (Bassa, part of the TGWU) is not getting backing. I want to thank all my colleagues who supported their company and our customers, for working yesterday.

John Monks, writing on this page in yesterday's *Times*, says, "there can be few readers of the *Socialist Worker* in the staff lounges at Gatwick and Heathrow", yet on the very first day of the strike, who should be distributing leaflets outside Hatton Cross Tube station, but the Socialist Workers' Party?

John Monks claims that British Airways' management is setting out on an exercise of union-busting.

He also says that 44 of Britain's top 50 companies recognise unions. British Airways is one of those 44 *and* British Airways recognises *more* trade unions than any other company of comparable size. Is that union-busting?

I meet our senior staff representatives every month and quarterly with national union officers. At these meetings, I discuss openly and candidly the company's business and I answer any questions we are asked. Is that union-busting?

> **We want an agreement with the unions, and we're ready**

I have no intention of changing these arrangements. We are not union-busting. We have no plans to de-unionise our business, although our UK-based long-haul competitor, Virgin, does not recognise unions.

John Monks could not be more wrong, and, I am disappointed to see, does not actually understand the impact of competition and the need for change. In order to continue to be the World's Favourite Airline and maintain our market leader position, we have to be more competitive. To do that we have to persuade our workforce to give up old-fashioned working practices and pay structures. We have negotiated such arrangements with 30,000 of our UK staff — the vast majority. We have introduced an excellent deal for our cabin crew which achieves the efficiencies we need, while ensuring that crew will not have to work longer hours and guaranteeing that they will not lose pay.

We held five months of talks with the two cabin crew unions. In March, Bassa walked away from the talks and rejected pay restructuring. Cabin Crew '89 continued to negotiate and we reached an agreement with them. We offered this agreement to Bassa. They did not ballot their members on this offer: instead they balloted for a strike. Incidentally, contrary to what John Monks says, Bassa went on strike in 1989, 1991 and 1993 and they threatened strikes in 1994 and 1996.

Now they have gone on strike again. Our offer remains on the table and, again contrary to what John Monks says, on Tuesday our negotiators went through the proposed agreement in detail with Jack Adams, of the TGWU, and George Ryde, of Bassa, word by word and line by line.

Nevertheless, Bassa went on strike yesterday. John Monks says he wants to "hit British Airways hard" and then accuses us of being heavy handed and intimidatory. To support his "moderate position", the International Transport Workers' Federation has unlawfully asked unions internationally to support Bassa's strike and the union membership is picketing airports (secondary action). The people who are going to be "hit hard" are our customers. Is that what John Monks wants?

I deeply regret the disruption that our customers are experiencing and we are doing everything possible to help them, including giving a total refund.

We want to reach agreement with our employees and their unions and are ready so to do, but we cannot do it at the expense of British Airways' future competitiveness.

If we have appeared heavy handed or clumsy, I apologise. Let's clear that misunderstanding away from this dispute. What seems to us to lie at the heart of Bassa's position is its desire to bust Cabin Crew '89, which it describes as a "rump union" and a "mouthpiece of the management". If there is a hidden agenda, this is it.

Bassa's language seems rather an odd way to describe 3,300 of your union colleagues, particularly in the current industrial world of modern unions working in partnership with management. John Monks says "partnership must be the watchword for the millennium and beyond", and that is what British Airways is trying to forge, a partnership with its workforce. Strikes cannot create partnerships.

As I stood outside Heathrow yesterday morning, greeting the staff who were coming to work, they said to me: "Don't give up, Bob. We understand why you have had to make these changes."

Well, we do have to make these changes. We do not think winning or losing is relevant to this dispute. What we want Bassa to do is to come back to the negotiating table and, to accept the agreement we have reached with Cabin Crew '89.

Perhaps the most important part of the agreement we are putting forward is that we guarantee that nobody will be worse off than they were before, and should that turn out to be the case during the next three years, we have a guarantee to give them back what they have lost.

If only Bassa could give back to the customers what they have lost, and what the airline has lost as a result of the union's industrial action.

The author is chief executive of British Airways.

New fat cats, old envy

As voters scrutinise Labour's aristocracy, the Government's image is sure to suffer

William Rees-Mogg

At the election, new Labour won the battle of images in the press much more decisively than they won the argument. Most political commentators, apart from Labour partisans, treated John Major's campaign with respect, even though they knew that the Conservatives were losing. Most economic writers expressed admiration for Kenneth Clarke's work as Chancellor, and accepted his view that the economy had seldom been stronger. New Labour did, however, win quite conclusively in those gossip and near-gossip stories which decided the image war. The voters came to believe that the Conservatives were riddled with sleaze, both financial and sexual, and that they were the party of the "fat cats".

Some of this gossip campaign was justified. *The Guardian* depended on the questionable evidence of Mohamed Al Fayed, but it won notable libel victories over Neil Hamilton before the election and Jonathan Aitken after it. The writs and money stories undoubtedly damaged the Conservatives, and justifiably so. The accusations of sexual impropriety had little bearing on the capacity of ministers. Indeed, the minister who had most mistresses made a comeback and turned out to be one of the successes of the election campaign. Yet the gossip did create a general image which was very damaging.

The harm done by personal stories is not primarily concerned with issues of government, but with public resentment at the contrast between the lifestyles of the glittering rich and of ordinary voters. People resent fat cats being paid large salaries, regardless of the quality of the work they do. It is enough to say that somebody is paid £100,000 or £500,000 or a million pounds for people to say that the sum is "obscene": all these large sums are thought to be equally unacceptable. This is not the resentment of the poor, who are a minority, but of the relatively prosperous mass of voters, including Tory readers of the *Daily Mail*.

The rich seem to live in a different world. I am not sure how one would now define "rich" in the 1990s. It is not so much a question of capital — except for the very richest, capital is what people retire on, but income is what they live on. There are now again some extremely large incomes. The highest earners have incomes of more than £1 million a year — there are said to be barristers who earn comfortably more than that, let alone successful businessmen, or sports and pop stars. The fashionably rich probably start at an income of about £200,000 a year; much lower incomes than that may be very handsome to live on, but do not really belong to the world of *Hello!*.

Any government from now on is bound to be surrounded by celebrity high-earners, almost all of them self-made. They find new Labour's strongly meritocratic approach rather flattering. The more these high-earners support Labour, the more the gossip columns will portray Labour as the natural party for the fat cats. Indeed, fat cats have always gone where the cream is, and the cream jug now belongs to new Labour.

This adverse publicity has already started. Cherie Blair's £2,000 hairdo, Lord Simon of Highbury holding on to £2 million of BP shares, the BBC's combination of pay rises for top people with redundancies elsewhere, are all part of this week's news. The *Daily Mail* is the newspaper that foreign ambassadors have to read for British middle-class gossip. Cherie Blair's hairdo, a story which was first broken on Sunday, became on Monday a double-page spread in *Femail*, with 15 separate pictures of various Cherie Blair hairstyles. There was even a "defence" of Cherie Blair, "Stop picking on Cherie", in Peter McKay's gossip column. When Peter McKay starts to defend you, you must be in trouble.

In political terms, the Lord Simon story is much the more important. As a minister, it is doubtful whether he should retain so large a shareholding in a company with which his department is dealing continually, even though he is not involved in those dealings and has undertaken not to trade in those shares while he is in office. He failed to enter his BP shareholding in the House of Lords register. That register does leave room for discretion, but a £2 million holding surely could "affect the public perception of the way in which they [the peers] perform their parliamentary duties".

Tuesday's *Daily Mail* had another damaging article, by Gerald Kaufman, the Labour Member for Gorton; he used to be an excellent Shadow Foreign Secretary. His article was headed "The arrogance of these BBC fat cats", and attacked the salaries of John Birt (£354,000), Ron Neil (£226,000) and Will Wyatt (£231,000). These are, as Kaufman argues, high salaries for people in the public sector, though they are not unusual in the private sector. These high BBC salaries are now seen as a responsibility of the Labour Government. Indeed, Kaufman himself tells Chris Smith "to call in Birt and Co and, in words of not more than two syllables, explain to them exactly what public service means".

The *Express* on Tuesday was equally subversive. Anthony Holden linked another fat, though highly talented, cat to a controversial government decision, the Greenwich Dome. "Tony Blair overruled [Chris] Smith's sound objections to the squandering of £850 million on a millennium party in Greenwich, further snubbing him by putting Peter Mandelson in charge of it (as of pretty much everything else). In vain, Smith tried to talk Blair out of a project close to the heart of his son Euan — and even closer to that of his friend Lord (Richard) Rogers, the architect whose £250 million dome will be the star of the show." Poor Chris Smith is now lumbered with an £850 million party, a £250 million dome and John Birt's £350,000 salary.

This is not serious scandal, but it is money gossip, and the public is fascinated by money. The point it makes is that *they* do not live like the rest of *us*. The Royal Family suffer from this contrast, but they are, after all, royal. From the Labour Party this is not expected; a democratic party of the Left cannot afford an image of privilege. As Jane Gordon put it in the *Daily Mail*: "For most people £2,000 is a fortune. Many of those who put Tony Blair into power would consider themselves lucky to earn that in a month."

All political parties need to keep close to their roots. The life we read about in the gossip columns is familiar enough to the voters of Kensington and Chelsea, and it does Alan Clark no harm at all to own a castle, great works of art and a pile of inherited money. Such a way of life is not familiar to ordinary voters in Labour constituencies and is therefore bad for the party's image.

When she flew her hairdresser to Denver at her own expense, Cherie Blair thought she was putting on a good presentation for Britain — a perfectly reasonable attitude. It does not play like that out in the country. In Central Fife, where I spent part of the election, they measure their incomes in pounds per week, not in hundreds of thousands per year. They do not understand, let alone accept, my own view that John Birt is probably underpaid at £350,000. They do not understand a Labour minister — who happens to be an exceptionally able businessman — having problems over declaring £2 million in shares. That is not their world.

Gossip columns are popular because they write about the ordinary experiences of celebrated lives. Voters are mainly influenced by the impact of politics on their own lives, but also partly by things which interest and amuse them: by the hairstyle, by the smile, by a momentary lifting of an eyebrow, by gossip, by all that creates an image. That may indeed make Cherie Blair's personal image a matter of state; her style may win as many votes as Gordon Brown's Budget. Yet the cost of her image-making is itself a secret of state that the Labour Party should never have allowed to get out.

I feel sympathy for Cherie Blair, who seems to be coping well with a role she did not seek. I have no sympathy for the new Labour spin-doctors. Labour saw that this manipulation of images was vital to politics in the media age, with its short attention span. They exploited the opportunity. Now they are starting to get a taste of their own medicine.

Our first classes of citizens

David Alton says we need lessons in duties, not rights

Among the many issues raised by the new White Paper on Education, the most neglected has been the role of schools in forming citizens. There will be arguments about whether civics should reappear as a narrow subject — looking at constitutional questions — or whether a wider concern for citizenship should be integrated into every aspect of the school timetable. If an obligation is placed within the national curriculum, who will teach it, what new resources will be provided, will there be examinations and will inspectors assess its delivery?

But there will be little argument about the principle of educating for democracy and the importance of forming rounded citizens. The battle to redress the shrill language of rights and the flaccid rhetoric of entitlements with a richer concern for duties and responsibilities is almost won.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, was a member of the Weatherill commission on citizenship, which in 1990 declared that "citizenship should be a part of every young person's education from the earliest years of schooling and continuing into the post-school years within further and higher education". There is no reason to believe that Mr Blunkett's views have changed.

The role of education in the formation of citizens became the central concern of Frances Lawrence after her husband, Philip, was stabbed to death outside his London school. Various publications — Mrs Lawrence's personal manifesto in *The Times*, David Selbourne's *The Principle of Duty*, Amitai Etzioni's *The Spirit of Community* and *The Politics of Hope* by the Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks — have each played a part in challenging the orthodoxies of individualism and rights.

At St Andrews, at Leicester, and at the John Moores University, Liverpool, there has been significant work on values, education and the development of citizenship. The Vice-Chancellor of John Moores, Professor Peter Toyne, says that "citizenship stems from the process of education". His is the first British university to commit itself to developing concepts of citizenship among its students. The part played by formal education has also been recognised by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and reflected in the establishment of the Values Education Council (VEC).

Historically, universities and schools recognised their role in preparing men and women for their private and public lives. However, one of the casualties of the rush towards a more individualistic approach has been civic responsibility. Only in Britain would we turn "community service" into a punishment.

Even the narrow preparation for citizenship represented by civics courses in many secondary scoools has been lost. Now we need a sustained, rigorous and properly funded approach to replace the "mission statements" of many educational institutions which simply pay lip-service to citizenship.

For most young people, civic education is acquired through contacts with voluntary projects, their teachers, or because of an event or political policy which directly affects them. We must be far more systematic and ask tough questions about the purpose of education, about what is expected of democratic citizens, and about the skills we each require to live peaceably. It is part of the mission of a school or university to form men and women for others.

How a citizen acts as a moral agent affects everything from how they treat their environment and their neighbours to the pursuit of ethical standards in commerce or the embrace of civic duties. It is not a spectator sport or the preserve of a few well-meaning specialists.

These are not new concerns. For Aristotle, communal existence was not about forms of government but about the human qualities which made civic coexistence a possibility. Unlike Socrates, Aristotle believed that civic virtue could and should be taught. Cicero also saw the need for active participation: "The whole glory of virtue is in activity."

The 20th-century Marxist obsession with production, the division of labour and class structures has been matched by individualistic indifference in our own times. The disfigurement of civic culture and the suppression of civil order have been the principal casualties. If a civil society is to withstand the ambitions of those who wish to usurp it, fundamental shared principles must be widely held and understood.

Every generation needs to address these same questions. In the 19th century, Carlyle called it "the condition of England question". As we consider the condition of Britain's 20th-century social ecology, these are the key questions which this welcome White Paper seeks to address.

Lord Alton, who was a Liberal Democrat MP for 18 years and is now Professor of Citizenship at John Moores University, Liverpool, took his seat in the House of Lords this week as a crossbencher.

THE TIMES DIARY

Uneasy rider

WHAT started as an unsteady crocodile of 50 MPs on their annual all-party bicycle ride from Covent Garden to Westminster yesterday morning turned into a Whitehall farce, dragging in the police and innocent members of the public. The main culprit was the Transport Minister, Gavin Strang, a man with the voice and manner of a bear with a nasty splinter.

As the MPs tottered into Trafalgar Square at about 9am, Strang edged ahead, going straight through a red light and taking the rest of the pack with him. "They came out of nowhere," said one onlooker, "and jumped the lights at the top of the square."

Strang: traffic violation

MPs or not, the policeman by the lights was having none of it. He radioed down to his colleague at the bottom of the square, where the *peloton* was stopped and stiffly rebuked. Strang, already looking horribly uncomfortable in a baggy black tracksuit, trainers and cycle helmet, squirmed like a stuck eel before the law.

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, who was taking part in the procession, was grateful to emerge from the ride in one piece: "The traffic was suspiciously close as we lumbered along the route, but no one got hit."

Peter Bottomley, MP, Tory wet, joined in after the brush with the police, and hopes the incident will have positive repercussions: "The next step should be for the Government to arrange a cycle lane from Trafalgar Square to Westminster."

Rally round

NO SOONER have Sean and Peter returned from last week's Gay Pride March in London, than two more characters from *The Archers* are on their way to the Big Smoke for today's Countryside Rally.

There had been some doubt that the Radio 4 soap would even mention the rally for fear of antagonising the anti-bloodsports people. The producers, however, have thought better of that and decided that George and Christine Barford should join the pro-hunting throng in Hyde Park.

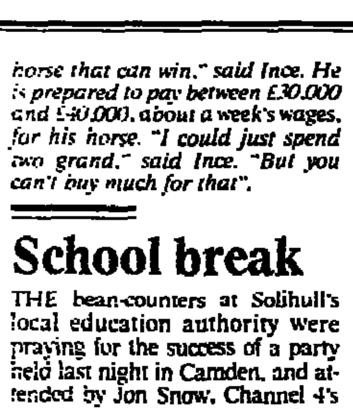
Meanwhile, at the real event, the genuine farming types have no plans to dispense with one of their most popular banners, which reads: "This is real life, not *The Archers*."

● *Eyeing the form at Newmarket yesterday, was Paul Ince, England's wincingly tough football midfielder, expected to move from Inter Milan to Liverpool this week. He is planning to buy a horse. "I want a bit of fun, but I also want a horse that can win," said Ince. He is prepared to pay between £30,000 and £40,000, about a week's wages, for his horse. "I could just spend two grand," said Ince. "But you can't buy much for that".*

School break

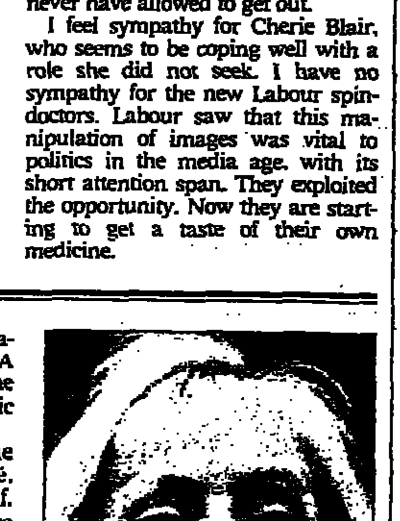
THE bean-counters at Solihull's local education authority were praying for the success of a party held last night in Camden, and attended by Jon Snow, Channel 4's news anchor, Peter Mandelson, the Minister with no Portfolio but an awful lot of power, the comedian Frank Skinner and Nick Hornby, the author. The bash was to raise money for a Higashi-type school for autistic children in North London, very similar to the special school in Boston, Massachusetts, to which Solihull LEA was ordered on Monday by the High Court to send a local autistic boy, at a cost of £50,000 a year.

The Treehouse Trust is the brainwave of Katharine Doré, mother of an autistic child herself. She needs to raise £350,000 to have her first school up and running by January. Snow, a patron of the trust, says: "Having lived in the United States, where there are many schools like this, I think it is about time we had one over here." In Solihull, they are nodding vigorously.



"Here's another of Jane and me in the departure lounge"

● *After leaving the Civil Service to become the Leader of Opposition's official softer side, Ffion Jenkins has found she is so in demand that she is having to turn down offers of work. She already has various offers to write for newspapers. When the Association of Business Sponsorship for the Arts (Absa) approached her about the possibility of becoming a board member, however, Miss Jenkins had to say no. Colin Tweedie, the head of Absa, and the person believed to have made the advance to Miss Jenkins, is in the Caribbean, setting up a Trinidadian Absa.*



Ffion Jenkins: in demand

More, please

WHEN Tony Blair asked Lord Nolan to continue with his sleaze-busting activities, Nolan declined the offer. The reason? Nolan explained on Tuesday that he was feeling guilty that his work on setting standards in public life was distracting him from his main job as a law lord.

While the other law lords had as many as seven judgments on the go at any one time, Nolan had only two or so. Worried that his fellow lords might feel he was bunking off by continuing his sleaze-watch, he thought it was high time he returned to his day job.

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RURAL MARCHERS

The Commons should listen to the country case

Mutual incomprehension between town and country is nothing new. Classical satire and Restoration drama made sport of the differences centuries before the Industrial Revolution forever altered relations between the two. Those relations, complicated by misunderstandings but balanced by tolerance, now face new strains with a House of Commons apparently hostile to one of the traditional and familiar features of country life, hunting with hounds. Today's Countryside Rally in Hyde Park reflects deep concern that the feelings of *rus* are neglected *in urbe*.

The countrymen who have marched on London should remind Members of the new Parliament, who will flourish their majority and mandate, that settled traditions and the liberties of minorities also have their claim. Using a Private Member's Bill to make outlaws of thousands who enjoy themselves as Britons always have, and to make unemployment statistics of thousands more, does not seem a One Nation measure. The relationship between urban morals and country matters requires delicate brokerage; but when decisions will be made by a predominantly metropolitan assembly it is right that those outside should organise to make themselves heard.

The arguments on hunting are not as simple as either side is sometimes inclined to protest. Those who campaign to ban what they believe is an offensive spectacle often appear animated more by hatred of pink coats and broad acres than love of all God's creatures. Anger at perceived cruelty overcomes a wider assessment of conservation and nature's balance. Shooting or gassing are far from being gentler methods of population control. Banning hunting would lead to thousands of hounds being put down and some 8,000 jobs placed in danger. It would also alter the pattern of country life. Social events which bring rural communities together, from point-to-points to the hunt's own calendar, will disappear. For country people, a ban on hunting means more than just the end to one recreation; it changes forever the rhythm of rural life.

The consequences of a ban should give pause for thought, but those who wish to see hunting continue should not harm their case with hyperbole. Employment alone, although important, is not a clinching case. As with other sports in the past, pistol-shooting recently, and even boxing now, if society becomes convinced that the pursuit is no longer civilised then those who make their livings from it have a claim on our sympathy, but no veto.

If the economics are not decisive, neither are the ethics. The libertarian case for hunting is powerful but should not be overstated. Wherever possible, when the rights of other citizens are not infringed, the activities of minorities, unless profoundly distasteful, should not be banned. When that activity is, as hunting is, governed by tradition and ceremony as well as embedded in the affections of communities, then it has an additional claim to tolerance. That tolerance cannot, however, be absolute. The profound distaste of many opponents is wholly genuine. The ability to hunt is not, like freedom of speech or habeas corpus, a fundamental liberty which, if denied, would mark a step towards repression.

If the settled, and informed, wish of a serious majority is in favour of a ban, that decision could not be resisted by an appeal to abstract rights. Hunting has developed in a social context; its future depends on the understanding of changed social realities. Supporters of hunting need to win public consent beyond their natural circles to ensure their sport's survival. Today's rally could be a beginning.

A positive, broad-based and unrancorous assertion of the country case should command attention. Members of Parliament have a duty to inform themselves better about the facts and to appreciate the subtleties of the debate. The Government is pledged to offer a free vote but, given the huge consequences of any change for rural communities, that vote should come only after the arguments have been properly reviewed. It may be that a measure of regulation, rather than an outright ban, is the better course. In the meantime this Parliament has any number of measures it should be concentrating on to strengthen the nation before it embarks on a path that will, at the moment, only divide.

TWO PRIME MINISTERS

How joint rule in Cambodia led to no rule at all

The conflict that ravaged Cambodia for two decades, and claimed at least a million lives before UN-supervised elections in 1993, appears likely to return. Supporters of Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the ousted First Prime Minister, streamed out of Phnom Penh yesterday after the sudden assault by troops loyal to the Second Prime Minister, Hun Sen. From Beijing, the stricken figure of King Norodom Sihanouk appealed for reconciliation. Prince Ranariddh himself sits powerless in Paris.

The 1993 elections were rightly seen at the time as a triumph for international diplomacy. A free and fair contest was conducted under enormously complicated conditions. Turnout surpassed all expectations. The $2 billion spent by the United Nations appeared a sound investment. Although Prince Ranariddh and his Funcinpec party emerged victorious, the military might of Hun Sen and his Cambodian People's Party could not be overlooked. An uneasy compromise was cobbled together which allowed the two men both to take the title of Prime Minister.

That arrangement invited disharmony. Competition between the two camps has intensified as elections scheduled for next May approached. Under the Constitution only one Prime Minister could emerge from that contest. Associates of the Khmer Rouge remnants became a critical constituency as the forces of Prince Ranariddh and Hun Sen sought ways to increase their strength. The success of the royalists at detaching Khmer Rouge factions from Pol Pot — part of which involved claims that the ex-dictator had either died or been captured — prompted Hun Sen to oust his co-Prime Minister.

While the capital and surrounding areas appear to be under Hun Sen's control, conflict may now resume in the periphery. Funcinpec remains strong in the north and north west of the country. The disparate Khmer Rouge is still significant in the far west. Matters are further complicated by the duplicitous role played by Thailand's Army which has consistently exploited Cambodia's agony for its own benefit. Unless a coalition government is restored in Phnom Penh then civil war will swiftly follow.

The outside world has a limited but not irrelevant influence. Cambodia had been on the verge of membership of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) — an important step in its integration into the wider region. That body meets in emergency session in Kuala Lumpur today to reconsider its position. It should not proceed with the admission process. International donors had last week pledged — but not yet paid — a further $450 million in aid. They too should reserve their position. Overseas contributions constitute half of Cambodia's budget revenues. Suspension of support might persuade Hun Sen to reopen dialogue.

The breakdown in Cambodia suggests a wider lesson. Multiparty elections are, of course, crucial but not by themselves enough to enshrine peace and progress. In Cambodia much of the infrastructure of authoritarianism — including a secret police network — remained in place after the United Nations left. It has been slowly reactivated and finally unleashed this week. Stable democracy requires the creation of an alternative pluralist infrastructure. That has been the secret behind the extraordinary transformation of the Philippines. This task would have been exceptionally complicated in Cambodia. In the improbable event of a second chance it should still be attempted.

SAWBONES OF CARATACUS

The surgeon who took his tools to the grave

The Roman medical kit found in the burial site in Colchester takes the history of British medicine back centuries. These beautiful instruments probably belonged to the professional forefather of the President of the Royal College of Surgeons. The burial shows that this first recorded native surgeon was not Roman, but a Briton of the ruling class. This was the moment when medicine was beginning its slow transition from Druidical magic and mistletoe to science.

Surgery has always followed the drum. The Battle of the Medway in 43 AD, one of the most critical battles fought on British soil, and the final stand of the British tribes at Camulodunum/Colchester, will have given primitive surgeons plenty of practice. Their instruments, now unearthed at Colchester, are evidence of the unbroken traditions of British medicine. The pretty little iron saw for amputations supports the definition of "minor surgery" as an operation performed on somebody else. The sharp hook may have been used for removing tonsils, an operation that was to become more fashionable than beneficial. And the scalpels, tweezers and retractor for keeping wounds open have become familiar properties to be passed in theatre into the rubber-gloved hand of the heroic surgeon.

But it took many centuries for the surgeon to become a folk hero. The ancient Company of Barber-Surgeons put the barbers first because their cutting activity was more likely to succeed. British satirists were almost as rude about the quackery of the healing professions as Molière and Voltaire. And when medicine finally became a science rather than the nation's number one killer, its Victorian heroes were the physicians. Because their prognosis was so uncertain, surgeons were still popularly regarded much as barbers and butchers. It took two world wars and the astonishing advances in surgical technology to turn them into modern heroes for princesses and the public.

In the medicine chest of the first known British surgeon there are two rods. These are not surgical tools but divination rods. The predecessor of the high-tech masters of modern surgery knew that his craft depended on luck as well as skill. The body is still a mystery as well as a machine. And the surgical aphorism that the Romans brought to their farthest northern province still stands: life is short, art long.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MRC's decision threatens science

From Professor Sir Henry Harris, FRS

Sir, The Medical Research Council has recently announced that from 1998 it intends to phase out "stand-alone" grants made in response to proposals from individual scientists or from small groups of scientists.

Hitherto, grants of this kind have generated scientific discoveries and developments of worldwide importance. The link between vitamin D and rickets and the efficacy of penicillin as a chemotherapeutic agent are two notable examples.

Other instances are cephalosporin, transplantation immunity, the immunological role of the lymphocyte, the amino acid sequence of insulin, and the three-dimensional structure of haemoglobin and DNA. So, too, are cell fusion and tumour suppressor genes, and methods for determining nucleotide sequences.

I happen to know, or to have known, all the scientists responsible for these discoveries; all were "stand-alone" individuals or members of small "stand-alone" groups. Can the MRC produce a comparable list emanating from large collaborative groups which it is now set to favour?

Even the MRC's showpiece, the Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge, was initially formed simply by gathering together under one roof individuals who had already made major discoveries elsewhere.

I do not, of course, argue against the principle of scientific collaboration. However, it is a principle which needs to be sensitively encouraged, not forced, and occurs only if the collaborators perceive a genuine advantage in the collaboration.

If people are *obliged* to collaborate in order to receive governmental funding, as the MRC scheme suggests, then their collaboration will be nominal only, or even spurious. Centres of excellence cannot be set up like supermarkets. Nor can they be generated merely by the provision of infrastructure; they grow slowly, out of the talents of individual people.

If the MRC seeks to ensure the future of British medical research, it must find a way of inducing gifted young graduates to take up the life. To do this, it must make a scientific career more attractive, not less. Otherwise, British medical research will have become a thing of the past. No amount of administrative rearrangement can substitute for talent.

It is high time that the Medical Research Council gave more thought to people, and less to administrative structures.

Yours faithfully,
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Rural England's needs

From the Chief Executive of Action with Communities in Rural England

Sir, The Countryside Rally in London on July 10 (reports, July 9) will do much to bring rural issues to the attention of our new Government. I hope that it will not also lead them to view rural issues as the preserve of the country sports lobby. Eleven million people live in rural England, and their concerns are as real and significant as those of England's city dwellers. The vast majority have no interest in country sports, and their needs will not be represented by this rally.

Many people in our rural areas experience problems of poverty, isolation and an apparently irretrievable decline of services and welfare provision. Rural areas need investment in regeneration to the same extent as the rest of the country and there are many voluntary organisations working to tackle social need, which is as real in rural areas as elsewhere. Most of them will not be in Hyde Park on Thursday.

We need government support to build a more positive future for rural England. We hope that the countryside lobby will not divert the government from the serious priorities that the rural voluntary sector shares with them.

Yours faithfully,
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Mrs Blair's hair

From Mrs Juliet E. Clibborn

Sir, We are lucky enough to have a Prime Minister's wife who wished to look her best at the G7 summit ("MP splits hairs over Cherie Blair's presidential coiffure", July 7). She has sufficient money of her own to pay for her hairdresser. Where is the problem?

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Orangemen 'blind to Catholic hurt'

From Dr Noel McCune

Sir, Your leading article ("The only option", July 7) was impressively fair to Unionists and Orangemen. I dearly wish that they fully deserved such fairness: that they only partly do is due to their self-righteousness and resultant insensitivity to the hurt of many in the Catholic community.

Of course republicans are actively manipulating the feelings of Catholic people, but the fact is that in the Garvaghy Road area of Portadown genuine hurt does exist. That hurt demanded a rights-denying gesture of goodwill on the part of Orangemen. Sadly most Orangemen and Unionists are blind to that hurt, partly at least because they only see their own (which is considerable after years of IRA violence).

I hate all that the IRA has done in the last 27 years — none of it was justified. But the civil rights protests of the Sixties were all justified and then, as now, Unionists and Orangemen didn't see — some chose not to see — the hurt which necessitated Catholic protest. Unless they see soon, their blindness will be their downfall.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Winston S. Churchill

Sir, It is understandable that the Orange Order should claim the right to parade peacefully — a basic right taken for granted in any normal democracy. However, they know — and the nationalists certainly know — that these marches, where they pass through nationalist communities, are planned as a deliberate provocation, intended to remind all concerned just who won the Battle of the Boyne more than 300 years ago.

The Chief Constable of the RUC and the Northern Ireland Secretary clearly had a difficult decision to take if large-scale violence was to be avoided. The trouble with their decision was that it was based upon no point of principle, but upon appeasement — the worst basis possible. The explanation offered for sanctioning the march through nationalist areas of Drumcree was that not to allow it to take place would lead to a confrontation with, and likely violence from, the loyalist community. It was predictable that it would be seen as a provocation by the nationalist community and an invitation to outdo any violence seen at Drumcree last year. Once a government bows to threats of violence, it is inevitable that those threats — from both sides — will escalate.

The only basis on which to take such decisions in respect of marches scheduled for later this week and in the future must be upon a clear point of principle. That principle, I would suggest, is that marches by either side should not be allowed to be routed through "opposition" communities. In the case of Drumcree, that might have meant the loyalist marchers having to return from their church service by the same route that they had come. No doubt they would have made known their extreme displeasure, but at least the Government would have taken a stand on a basis that was justifiable to both communities.

Yours faithfully,
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Drugs legislation

From Mr Tim Rathbone

Sir, In echoing the views of cannabis legalisers of 30 years ago, Nigel Williamson (letter, July 3) shows scant regard for what has been learnt in the meantime.

Then few foresaw the horrible growth in misuse of cannabis and other drugs; now there is general national and international consensus on the need to reduce demand as well as supply and to tackle trafficking vigorously.

Then there was little understanding of the psychological and physical harm incurred by misusing drugs, legal and illegal; now that harm has been proven by research and experience and the need for better and more available treatment recognised.

The Conservative Government, under pressure from Parliament, at last started to come to grips with the problem and to co-ordinate efforts interdepartmentally, ending up with a Cabinet sub-committee which continues today. But that Government's efforts were tragically set back by its stupid decision to do away with drugs and health co-ordinators in schools. This was only rectified with the setting up in 1995 of an all-embracing strategy, Tackling Drugs Together, aimed at improving the quantity and quality of health education. All young people, from a very early age, must become aware of the harm drugs can do and the value and pleasure of a drug-free life.

Any reduction in sanctions will send entirely wrong signals, resulting in increased consumption and associated health costs. In addition, unless illegal drugs are to be made legally and widely available, which very few people advocate, reducing sanctions will *not* reduce drug-related crime. The Dutch have already found that is so.

Apparently unnoticed by Mr Williamson the debate has been taking place; sensible conclusions have been drawn; actions are at last being taken. It is a long-term task to which the new Labour Government seems committed. It should be praised and encouraged to remain so.

Yours truly,
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Car emissions

From Mr Lance K. Green

Sir, After hysteria concerning the atmospheric emissions of cars, stringent controls were imposed. These have been very successful, and British urban air quality has been improving since 1990.

Predictions see this improvement continuing until the year 2010 (according to the Government's own Warren Springs Laboratory). As the air is currently almost always within World Health Organisation limits, this is a battle won.

Automobiles now contribute to less than 20 per cent of toxic urban air pollution and much less than 1 per cent of global emissions. Both these figures are on the way down. Moreover, asthma is predominantly caused by factors in the home. Its increasing prevalence is probably caused by improved insulation combined with inadequate ventilation. In any case, it is at least as common in rural as in urban areas.

I feel it is high time for the anti-car green movement to stop its campaign of misinformation, and for the wilfully ignorant media to cease abetting them. Attitudes must change.

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Fruits of experience

From Mr Jonathan Swan

Sir, The derivation of the expression "pear-shaped" (Mr Simon Eadon's letter, July 7), as I understand, comes from the potter's wheel, where a piece of pottery being turned is liable to collapse, and in one instant change from a sphere or cylinder into a pear-shaped blob.

I first came across the term during my service in the Army in the 1980s. It was generally used to describe events that failed to turn out as expected. My efforts to organise the entertainments committee, for example, often produced evenings that went "pear-shaped".

(At which point the RSM would go ballistic, or even ape.)

Yours faithfully
JONATHAN SWAN,
150 Parkway,
Stratford, E15.
Jonathan—Swan@evaluation.com
July 7.

From Mr Geoffrey Hinton

Sir, Daumier's caricatures of the pyriform King Louis Philippe of France as a pear achieved great fame and notoriety in 19th-century Europe. This may provide the origin of the derogatory phrase "going pear-shaped".

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HINTON,
1 Northmoor Place, Oxford.
July 7.

BA puzzle

From Brigadier A. A. Wilson

Sir, On a recent visit to Germany, British Airways inadvertently left my bags at Heathrow. The emergency pack they gave me contained all one needed for the night, plus three small pots labelled respectively "Relaxing Gel", "Revitalising Gel" and "Rehydration Gel".

There being no instructions as to the use of these unguents it is difficult to know when and in what order to use them, or to which part of the anatomy they should be applied.

With the probability of increasing numbers of passengers finding themselves in similar situations over the next few weeks, perhaps we should be told?

Yours faithfully,
A. A. WILSON,
BFPO 808.
July 8.

Flying colours

From Dr T. Bradshaw

Sir, The British Airways strike (reports, July 9) has a real internal logic. Now passengers will enjoy travelling on airlines run by those other nations and cultures being advertised as the new BA corporate image.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BRADSHAW,
54 St Giles, Oxford.
July 9.

Prince Charles and the Church

From the Archdeacon of York

Sir, Jane Shilling (article, July 8) claims that I have come round to the idea that Camilla Parker Bowles is a "Good Thing". Not so. The Church has rules which both Mrs Parker Bowles and the Prince of Wales have broken.

However, in moral terms, given that there cannot now be an ideal solution, a civil marriage between two people who clearly love each other is preferable to a backstairs liaison, which in modern times could never be hidden as in the days of Edward VII and Mrs Keppel. But I am just as concerned that the Church does not connive (as it appears to be doing at present) in the pretence that Mrs Parker Bowles does not exist if she is never acknowledged. That is hypocrisy.

Yours,
GEORGE AUSTIN,
North Back House,
Main Street, Wheldrake, York.
July 8.

From Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS

Sir, I watched a BBC programme, *The Heart of the Matter*, the subject being a Prince and the human problems around him. It seemed to me that the Church has been left behind and is out of touch with the thinking of the day, which I feel is serious.

It seems that the cornerstone of the Church is still an almost Puritan attitude to sex, which is not how most people view it. Surely the modern cornerstone should be to counter cruelty and selfishness leading to the unhappiness of others. If people get into a tangle, as many of us do, it is the Church's job and our job to understand and help them to obtain happiness, without looking up some out-of-date book of rules which should have been scrapped long ago.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER COCKERELL,
16 Prospect Place,
Hythe, Southampton.
July 8.

From Dr David A. Harris

Sir, Can we please be spared even more reports from friends of the couple that Prince Charles and Mrs Parker Bowles are "entitled to each other. They've had all the hell, why should they not have some pleasure" (report, earlier editions, July 4). No one will deny them that. All they need to do is ride off into the sunset together and not be seen in public again.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID A. HARRIS,
Chestnut Rise,
The Park, Harwell, Oxfordshire.
July 5.

Further to your letters

From Dr Henry Hardy

Sir, In my experience there are two standard results of having letters published in *The Times* (letters, June 26, July 3, 5): begging letters from Third World schoolchildren seeking financial support; long screeds in single-spaced typing from cranks urging the merits of strangely neglected panaceas for the world's ills.

Why it should be thought that those who appear on your letters page should be unusually rich and charitable, or specially susceptible to intellectual junk-mail, I cannot imagine.

Yours etc,
HENRY HARDY,
22 Norham Road, Oxford.

From Mrs Eileen Hocking

Sir, You published a letter of mine in the summer of 1986 about a Volcano kettle in which, lacking dry twigs, we had boiled water for tea with one copy of *The Times*. I received over 50 letters, most asking where such a kettle could be found, but some interesting ones which told me of people's experience with this useful article. I replied to all, typing brief information as to where they would find it, and long replies to those who had taken the trouble to write such interesting letters. It was a very happy time.

Yours etc,
EILEEN HOCKING,
Trewartha, Polwheveral,
Constantine, Falmouth, Cornwall.

From Miss Elizabeth Manners

Sir, Adrian Taylor is lucky (letter, June 26): the responses he obtained from readers were worth keeping. Of the five letters I received when I commented on a religious issue in your columns (March 25, 1995), three were blasphemous (two of them roundly abusive and the third, frankly, obscene).

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
ELIZABETH MANNERS,
49b Aldebert Terrace, SW8.
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From Mr Richard Need

Sir, My first letter in *The Times*, a one-liner printed in 1971 on Labour disunity over Europe, brought me, by airmail from Bermuda, a fan letter from Sir Terence Rattigan.

Judging by some of the responses I have had to later efforts, I wonder whether I should have quit at my peak.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED,
11 Hemingford Road, Cheam, Surrey.
July 6.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 9: The Queen arrived at Edinburgh Airport and was received by Mr Brian Wilson (Minister of State representing the Secretary of State for Scotland).

Her Majesty drove to Mercat Cross, Clackmannan, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stewart).

Having been received by the Minister of Clackmannan Parish Church (the Reverend Douglas Aitken), The Queen walked to the Parish Church and met members of the congregation.

This afternoon Her Majesty was entertained to Luncheon by the Provost of Clackmannanshire Council (Councillor Robert Elder) at Alloa Town Hall.

The Queen later visited Alloa Tower and was received by the President, National Trust for Scotland (the Earl of Airlie KT).

Her Majesty toured and subsequently opened the Tower, escorted by the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

The Queen afterwards visited Cochrane Park, Alva, and was received by the Chief Executive, Argyll and Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs Tourist Board (Mr James Fraser) who guided Her Majesty through an exhibition of some of the traditional skills on which the Clackmannanshire economy was built.

The Queen subsequently opened the Golden Wedding Arboretum in the park.

Her Majesty drove to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, was received in the Forecourt by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and members of the City of Edinburgh District Council, when the Rt Hon the Lord Provost surrendered to The Queen the Keys of the City, which Her Majesty returned to him.

A Guard of Honour found by the 1st Battalion The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons), under the command of Major Kieron Potts, was mounted in the Forecourt.

Her Majesty was subsequently received by the Deputy Keeper of the Palace of Holyroodhouse (the Lord James Douglas-Hamilton).

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for Young People who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at Baillie Gifford and Company, Rutland Court, Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, this evening attended a Dinner for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Charter for Business at Edinburgh Castle.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel James Stirling of Garden (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Viscount Younger of Leckie (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk) which was held in Gargunnock Parish Church this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 9: The Duke of York this afternoon presented the Methuen Challenge Cup and Badges at the Inter-Service Team Shooting Match at Bisley, Surrey.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Lucifer Golfing Society Annual Commonwealth Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 9: The Princess Royal, Honorary Colonel, University of London Officers' Training Corps, today visited an Annual Territorial Army Camp at Otterburn and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley KG).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Northumbria Army Cadet Force Training Centre, Redesdale, Northumberland.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 9: The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Wildlife Trusts, this morning opened the Clattinger Farm Nature Reserve, Oaksey, Malmesbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire (Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Johnston).

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Wildlife Trusts, this afternoon visited Lower Woods, part of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust at Robinswood Hill Country Park, Gloucester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

The Prince of Wales later visited Flag Officer Sea Training Headquarters, Plymouth, and received a briefing on Operational Sea Training.

YORK HOUSE
July 9: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Scope, this morning received Mr Anthony Hewson (Chairman).

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 9: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at congregations for the conferment of Degrees and Honorary Degrees at Lancaster University.

Dinners

Lucifer Golfing Society
The Duke of York, Patron of the Lucifer Golfing Society, was a speaker and presented the prizes at the annual Commonwealth dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Harvey Douglas, Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Mr William F.E. Carr, captain of the society, and Mr Robert Howe, Captain of the Royal Perth Golf Club of Australia, also spoke. Among others present were:

Lord Weatherill (president), the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes and Personnel), the Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord, the Captain of Walton Heath Golf Club, the Captain of the Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich, the President of the Australian Golf Union, the President of the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, Major-General Peter A Chambers and past captains of the society.

The Royal Automobile Club
Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Pall Mall Clubhouse for Members of the Club. Sir Michael Edwardes also spoke.

Coningsby Club
Mr Stephen Dorrell, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by Mr Anthony Parsons, Chairman, and the Committee of the Coningsby Club last night at the Carlton Club. The Hon Sir Peter Brooke, CH, MP, presided.

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Best garden is on the right track

By Alan Toogood, Horticultural Correspondent

FOR many visitors the best garden at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show brings back memories of the story *The Railway Children*.

Depicting a scene at a railway level crossing in old rural England, the garden created by the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, of Hampstead, London, has received the Tudor Rose award. Of special interest to younger visitors and hopefully making them aware of the work of the charity, it features railway banks planted with wild and cottage garden flowers and a working steam engine from the Ffestiniog Railway in North Wales.

An avante-gardist garden from Thames Water, of Swindon, Wiltshire, has been judged the most original and innovative garden at the show, which opens to the public today. It has received the George Cooke Memorial Award.

Entitled The Water-Wise garden, it shows effective way of conserving water, including the use of drought-tolerant plants. Unusual materials have been used as sculpture (such as giant sewage pipes inserted vertically in the ground) and for the hard landscaping, where plastic water pipes collect rainwater for storage in an underground tank and form a raised pool and beds.

The best water garden at the show is a wildlife garden from Countryside Wildflowers, of Somersham, Cambridgeshire and the London Wildlife Trust. It has received a Tudor Rose award. The abundance of wildflowers is intended to encourage all kinds of creatures, from butterflies to birds, particularly to urban gardens. The all-important water spills out of old washing copper into a sunken pool for aquatic wildlife before being recycled.

The Tudor Rose award for the best exhibit in the floral marquee has been won by Heather and Brian Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey, for a display of tender perennials and grasses. Plants are grouped according to the conditions they require: cool and moist and hot and dry. For the latter, the unusual *Pelargonium sanguineun* with deep crimson flowers and silvery green ferny foliage is making its debut.

An exhibit of herbaceous perennials from Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants of Whitchurch, Hampshire, has been judged the most original and innovative floral marquee display. The theme is past, present and future planting schemes. The display ranges from an old cottage garden scheme where vegetables mingle with the flowers, through a skilfully arranged display of modern cultivars, to minimal use of architectural plants depicting the future.

The best floral marquee exhibitor new to the show is the London Borough of Hackney, which has staged conservatory and tender plants that are grown in its Springfield Park conservatory. The range of large specimen plants include ferns, cordylines, yuccas, tree ferns, agaves, and a handsome Mexican blue fan palm, *Brahea armata*, with silvery blue-green leaves.

The show, in the parkland of Hampton Court Palace, opens to the public today, and closes on Sunday. Opening times are 10am-7.30pm (5.30pm on Sunday). For further information telephone 0171 649 1885. Tickets are available at the gate, or call 0171 957 4000.

Sir Thomas Farmer, chairman and chief executive of Kwik-Fit Holdings, is 57

Birthdays today

Mr James Aldridge, author, 79; Mr John Arkell, Headmaster, Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk, 58; Mr Tony Baldry, MP, 47; Mr Stephen Bell, economist, 44; Sir John Cockram, former chairman, Rickmansworth Water Company, 89; Sir Arthur Collins, solicitor, 86; Baroness Darcy De Knayth, 59; Professor Lord Desai, 57; Mr John Dunlop, racehorse trainer, 58; Mrs Winifred Ewing, MEP, 68; Mr Denzil Freeth, former MP, 73; Mr Sunil Gavaskar, cricketer, 48; Dr Stephen Hickey, chief executive, Civil Service College, 48; Lord Lambton, 75; Professor I.A.M. Lucas, former Principal, Wye College, London University, 71; Dr John Mack, keeper, Museum of Mankind, 48; Sir Kit McMahon, former chairman, Midland Bank, 70; Mr J.N. Maltby, former chairman UK AEA, 69; the Very Rev I.D. Neill, former chaplain to the Queen, 85; Sir Michael Newington, diplomat, 65; Sir Leslie Porter, former president, Tesco, 77; Sir Wyn Roberts, MP, 67; Professor Sir John Shaw, deputy governor, Bank of Scotland, 65; Sir Gavin Strang, Minister of Transport, 54; Miss Josephine Veasey, opera singer, 67; Miss Virginia Wade, tennis player, 52; Mr Ian Wallace, actor and broadcaster, 78; Major-General Sir Philip Ward, Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex, 73; Major-General Sir Brian Wyldbore-Smith, 84.

Latest wills

Major John George **Potter-Kirby**, of Shipton by Beningbrough, York, left estate valued at £3,113,643 net.

Royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 4.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open a new wafer fabrication plant at NEC Semiconductors (UK), Deans West Industrial Estate, Livingston, West Lothian, at 9.45am.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will present awards and attend a reception given by the Queen's Nursing Institute at St James's Palace at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales will attend a dinner to mark the 50th anniversary of Indian and Pakistani Independence at the Albert Hall, at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), will open a new wing of the Royal Scots Club, 29-31 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh at 9.30am; will open the new head office of the Standard Life Assurance Company, Standard Life House, 30 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, at 10.35; and will attend an Indian Army reunion luncheon at Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, at 12.30.

Princess Margaret will open the Flower Festival in Ely Cathedral, at 6.40.

The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, the British Museum, will open the Arts of Korea Exhibition and attend a dinner at the museum at 6.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Cheltenham International Festival of Music, wil attend a concert at Pitville Pump Room, Cheltenham at 10.55; will open St Paul's Wing (Maternity Unit) at Cheltenham General Hospital, at 1.20; and will open the Gloucester Charities Trust's Day Care Centre, Cirencester, at 2.50.

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, Surrey University, will open the Sir Austin Pearce Building at 10.30, will view an exhibition by the Engineering Employers Federation, and will meet students at the Year of Engineering Success Year in Industry Competition at the university.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron, will attend the annual day of the Royal School, Hampstead, at 2.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Calvin, Protestant reformer, Noyon, France, 1509; Mrs Aphra Behn, dramatist and novelist, Wye, Kent, 1640; Sir William Blackstone, jurist, London, 1723; Frederick Marryat, novelist, London, 1792; William Maginn, writer, Cork, 1793; Camille Pissarro, painter, St Thomas, Virgin Islands, 1830; James McNeill Whistler, painter, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1834; Marcel Proust, novelist, Auteuil, France, 1871; Carl Orff, composer, Munich, 1895.

DEATHS: Hadrian, Roman Emperor 117-138, Baiae, Italy, 138; El Cid, Spanish patriot, Valencia, 1099; William the Silent, Prince of Orange, assassinated, Delft, 1584; Edwin Sandys, Archbishop of York 1576-88, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, 1588; John Fell, Bishop of Oxford 1676-86, Oxford, 1686; George Stubbs, painter, London, 1806; Louis Jacques Daguerre, painter, physician and inventor of the daguerrotype, Bry-sur-Marne, 1851; John Arbuthnot Fisher, 1st Baron Fisher, Admiral of the Fleet, 1920.

In the Wars of the Roses, the Yorkists defeated the Lancastrians and captured King Henry VI at Northampton, 1460.

The Paris Metro opened, 1900.

The Allies landed in Sicily, 1943.

Telstar I, the first television telecommunication satellite, was launched in America, 1962.

Chartered Surveyors

The following have been elected officers of the Chartered Surveyors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Robin S. Broadhurst; Senior Warden, Mr Stuart Hibberdine; Junior Warden, Miss Delva F. Patman.

University news

Cambridge

Queens' College

To an Official Fellowship and College Lectureship in Mechanical Engineering from October 1: Tian Jian Lu.

To a Bye-Fellowship from October 1: Christophe Gagne.

Receptions

The Edmund Burke Society
The Speaker was the host at a reception held last night at Speaker's House to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Edmund Burke. Lord Rees-Mogg gave a brief address.

Baroness Brigstocke
Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, was the host at a tea party held at the House of Lords yesterday for members of the union. Lady Brigstocke and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, ESU Director-General, received the guests.

Community Service Volunteers
Mr David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, was the speaker at a reception held yesterday at Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to mark the 35th anniversary of CSV (Community Service Volunteers). Mr Keith Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive of Esso UK plc, also spoke.

A message from the Prime Minister was read to guests including Ministers of State, peers, Members of Parliament and other supporters.

Ball

Headfirst
To mark the 50th wedding anniversary of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh Headfirst announce 'The Golden Anniversary Ball', 1947 Style, to be held at the Imperial War Museum on Thursday, November 20, 1997. For details please send an sae to Headfirst, 2 Wilkinson Street, London SW8 1DB.

Luncheon

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)
Mr William M. Daley, American Secretary of Commerce, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) held yesterday at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Sir Brian Goswell, president, was in the chair.

Retirement

Judge Robert Smyth retired from the Circuit Bench on the Midland and Oxford Circuit on July 7.

Memorial service

Sir Frank Hartley
A service for the life of Sir Frank Hartley, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, London University, 1962-76, and Vice-Chancellor 1976-1978, was held yesterday at St George's, Bloomsbury. The Rev Stephen G. Williams, Senior Anglican Chaplain, London University, officiated and Canon Peter Hartley, son, led the prayers.

Miss Alison Hartley and Miss Sue Hartley, granddaughters, read the lessons: Professor Alexander Florence, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, and Professor Frank Hartley, son, gave addresses.

The Rev Jill Caldwell, chaplain to the school, pronounced the blessing. Among others present were:

Mrs Frank Hartley and Mrs Peter Hartley (daughters-in-law), Mr Stephen Hartley and Mr and Mrs Bruce Allan (grandchildren) and other members of the family.

Lady Flowers, Lord Quirk, FBA, Sir Ian Gainsford (King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry), Sir David Innes Williams, Professor Andrew Rutherford (Vice-Chancellor, London University) and other members of the university with Sir Graham Wilkins (Chairman of Council, School of Pharmacy), Professor J Mullin (vice-chairman) and Mrs Mullin, Dr J R Stewart (honorary treasurer) and other past and present members of the school.

Professor J Barron (St Peter's College, Oxford) and Mrs Barron, Mr Bryan Hartley (NHS Executive), Professor D A Brown, FRS, (Department of Pharmacology, University College London), Dr Malcolm Godfrey (Public Health Laboratory Service Board), Mr P J Griffiths (Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital Medical School), Dr J C Houston (Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital).

Dr D H Calam (British Pharmacopoeia Commission), Dr J A Holgate (British and European Pharmacopoeia Commission), Professor Dorothy Wedderburn (Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine), Professor M Branch (School of Slavonic and East European Studies), Professor Alan Bevan (Queen Mary and Westfield College), Mr B A Blatch (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine), Dr Philip Brown (P J B Publications), Ms Rachel Carr-Hill (British Council for the Prevention of Blindness).

Mr John Collinson (King's College Hospital and King's College Health Care Trust), Professor Gordon Johnson (Institute of Ophthalmology), Dr K Jones (Medicines Control Agency), Lieutenant-Colonel R J Stringer (Society of Apothecaries of London), Mr S Guy (Goldsmith's College).

Professor Alan Betts, Mrs Margaret Birkett, Mr David Cadman, Mr C J Day, Professor and Mrs F H Gorrod, Miss Anne Hewison, Dr Alan Huggins, Mrs Linda Ussgarten, Dr Mary Kelemen, Dr R J Pinney, Mr W C Slade, Professor Trevor Smart, Dr Robert Stuckey, Mr and Mrs Peter Taylor, Dr Vernon Walters, Professor J E M Carless, Dr Ian Field, Professor F Fish, Dr R Fleming.

Mr P Holwell, Professor L P Le Quesne, Mr and Mrs Gordon Marsh, Professor W G Overend, Dr G E Overend, Prebendary Eric Tinker, Dr Ronald Tress, Professor W F Widdas, Dr B Wills, Professor F M G Willson, Professor M Wise, the Chief Executive of Rugby Borough Council and many other friends and former colleagues.

Legal appointment

Mr Graham Edward Parkinson, a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, to be the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate from August 2, in succession to Mr Peter Badge who is retiring.

Church news

Appointments

Canon Rex Chapman, Canon Residentiary Carlisle Cathedral and Director of Education (Carlisle): to be *also* a Chaplain to the Queen.

Canon David Collyer, Vicar, St Andrew, Handsworth (Birmingham): to be Diocesan Community Projects Officer (same diocese).

The Rev Annette Francis, Assistant Curate, St Anselm's Belmont (London): to be Curate, Swansea St Peter's (Cockett). (Swansea and Brecon, Church in Wales).

The Rev Christopher Hobbs, Assistant Curate, Jesmond (Newcastle): to be Vicar, St Thomas, Oakwood (London).

The Rev Alan Jewell, Team Vicar, St Michael, Sutton (Liverpool): to be Team Vicar, St Nicholas, Halewood (same diocese).

The Rev Geraint Meirion-Jones, Priest-in-Charge, Shere (Guildford): to be *also* Priest-in-Charge, Albury (same diocese).

Canon Brian Osborne, Vicar, Skirbeck Holy Trinity (Lincoln): to be *also* a Chaplain to the Queen.

The Rev John Payne, Senior Master and Chaplain, St Hilda's School, Whitby (York): to be Rector, Loftus-in-Cleveland and Carlin w Skinningrove (same diocese).

The Rev Brian Pearce, Vicar, Withywood and Rural Dean of Bedminster Deanery (Bristol): to be *also* Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral.

The Rev David Perkins, Priest-in-Charge, Turnditch with responsibility for Belper, Christ Church (Derby): to be *also* Rural Dean of Duffield.

Other appointments

Mr Paul Morris, of Winckworth & Pemberton, solicitors, to be Registrar of the Diocese of London, in succession to Mr David Faull. Mr Michael Thatcher to be Deputy Registrar.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.R.L. Finlay and Miss E.A. Porteous
The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Finlay, of Buckinghamshire, and Elizabeth Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Porteous, of Lyttleton, New Zealand.

Mr M. Griffin and Dr E.L. Simons
The engagement is announced between Maxwell, only son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Griffin, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Emma Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Simons, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Le Comte Jean de Pomereu d'Aligre and Miss K.M. Geddes
The engagement is announced between Jean, son of La Marquise de Pomereu d'Aligre, of Paris, France and the late Marquis de Pomereu d'Aligre, and Katie, eldest daughter of Mrs Keith Geddes, of Upwey, Dorset and the late Mr Keith Geddes.

Mr D.L.A. Reed and Miss D.A. Morris
The engagement is announced between Dudley Reed, of Airlie Gardens, W8, and Deborah Morris, of Westbourne Park Villas, W2.

Mr J. Serjeant and Miss C. Huckman
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Serjeant, of Quainton, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Huckman, of Bristol.

Dr G.I. Smith and Dr L.C. Baines
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Smith, of Camberley, Surrey, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Baines, of Speldhurst, Kent.

Mr P.M. Taylor and Miss E.K. Bos
The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of the late Dr and Mrs John Taylor, of Jersey, and Elisabeth, third daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Kerry Bos, of Burra Creek, Australia.

Marriage

Mr A.R.B. Woodd and Miss C.L. Beckwith-Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 5, at Holy Trinity, Rudgwick, of Mr Anthony Woodd and Miss Lucy Beckwith-Smith. The Rev John Morris officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr John Beckwith-Smith, was attended by Poppy and Richard Cotterell, Rachel Duffell, Francis Madden, Molly Matthews, and Matilda and Tabitha Woodd. Colonel David Woodd was best man.

A reception was held at Maybanks Manor, Rudgwick, and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

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You love right and hate wrong: therefore God, your God, has anointed you above your fellows with oil, the token of joy. Psalm 45 : 7

BIRTHS

BOUCHIER - On July 5th 1997, to Katheryn (née Montgomerie) and Alexander, a son, Henry Brayton.

BREMNER - On 29th June 1997, in Edinburgh, to Chris and Kathryn (née Crosbie), a daughter, Kirsten Ann.

BROSNAN - On 8th July 1997, to Sue (née Duke) and Sean, a son, James Daniel.

BROWN - On 7th July, at home, to Sarah (née Woodhouse) and Nick, a son, Hugh Leofric Dashwood.

CALVERT - On July 8th, to Elizabeth and William, a daughter, Isabella Sarah May, a sister for Anna and Katie.

DICKSON - On 3rd July 1997, to Philippa (née Game) and Paul, a son, Joshua Kingsley Taylor.

DWYER - On July 1st at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, to M.O. and Rogan, a daughter, Alexandra Marie, a beautiful half-sister for Rosanna and Georgia. Many thanks to Toufique, Arvind and all the staff.

FINLAY - On 4th July, to Anita (née Jeevaratnam) and Michael, a son, John.

GILHOOLEY - On 6th July, to Natalie (née Grimsley) and James, a son, Charles Alexander.

HADDOW - On 7th July 1997 at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Patricia and Graham, a son, James Graham.

HIRDARAMANI - On June 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Lena (née Lalchand) and Vinod, a daughter, Aanya.

HUTTON - On June 24th 1997, to Sarah (née Vaughan) and James, a son, Edward Benedict Lysander, a brother for John.

JACOB - On July 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Naomi (née Ezra) and Joseph, a beautiful daughter, Nicole.

JOHNSTONE - On 7th July 1997, to Alison (née Duguid) and Clive, a daughter, Phoebe Alice.

LEASOR - On July 7th, to Gulya and Stuart, a son, Thomas, a brother for Anya.

LEIGH - On July 7th at Derriford Hospital, to Mary and Robert, a son, Adam.

BIRTHS

McNEIL - On July 8th at Pembury Hospital, to Sarah (née Currie) and John, a daughter, Lara Anna, a sister for Joseph.

MYERS - On July 4th at North Staffordshire Hospital, to Dominic and Sharon, a son, Barnaby William Timothy, a brother for Arabella.

SMITH - On 30th June 1997, Anne (née Fletcher) and Julian are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Mark Duncan.

STOTT - On June 23rd in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Maki (née Atsukawa) and Richard, a son, Harvey Masaki, a brother for Hugo.

WILLIAMS - On June 19th 1997, to Deborah (née Turfrey) and Richard, a son, Alexander Henry Niall Norwich.

DEATHS

BRUNTON - John Graham, F.R.I.B.A. died peacefully at home aged 70 years. Cremation at Lewisham Crematorium on Monday 14th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Neurological Research - National Hospital Development Foundation (NHDF) via the Funeral Centre, 43/47 Rushey Green, Catford, London SE6 4AS (0181) 695-0999.

CONZE - Muriel (née Green) died peacefully on July 5th 1997 at The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, after a long illness. Service and cremation at Yeovil Crematorium July 21st 3.30pm. Enquiries to W.S. Brister & Son, Funeral Directors, 100 Lenthay Road, Sherborne, Dorset, tel: (01935) 812647.

CORDERY - Sigrun on 7th July 1997 after a long and brave fight against cancer, much loved and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on Tuesday 15th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations for Forest Holme Hospice. All enquiries to James Smith F/D, 60A Kings Road, Swanage, Dorset, tel: (01929) 422445.

DEATHS

CORDREY - On July 6th 1997 suddenly at Kingston Hospital, Wing Commander George, beloved husband of Marjorie and father of Brian, Peter and Susan. Funeral Service Friday 11th July 1pm Christ Church, Coombe Road, New Malden. Private cremation. Donations to RAF Benevolent Fund c/o Frederick W Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4ES, (0181) 942-1978.

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DUNNE - (Dublin) July 4th, 1997 at St Vincent's Private Hospital, Anthony Thomas (Tony), aged 35 years, treasured husband of Marian. Late of Centre Re (Dublin) Finpro Bowring (London), Guy Carpenter (New York) and Prudential (Dublin). Interment took place in Dunshaughlin Cemetery, Co. Meath on Tuesday 8th July, 1997. He lived and died with courage and dignity. 'Carpe Diem'

HEWITT - It is with much sadness and deep regret we announce the death of the Father we loved so much - David Garry Ross Hewitt. He died peacefully in St John, New Brunswick, Canada, in the early hours of Tuesday, 8th July. He is survived by his son Kevin and his daughter Nicolla. A funeral service was held in Rothesay, New Brunswick on Wednesday, 9th July, and the burial will be on Friday in Aurora, Ontario. Any acts of remembrance should be to the benefit of the scholarship fund started by our Father in memory of his brother: The Duncan Hewitt Memorial, RCS Netherwood, 40 College Hill, Rothesay, New Brunswick, Canada.

HILTON - On July 6th Peter Gerard of Chadbury aged 87 years. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Friday 11th July at 2 pm. Enquiries to Sole & Son, tel: (01608) 644112.

HORWOOD-SMART - John on 8th July. Beloved husband of Sylvia and father of Rosamund and Adrian and devoted grandfather of Freddie, Ellie, Lucinda, Hamish and Angus. Private funeral. No flowers but donations if wished to St Marys Church Cheveley Restoration Fund c/o Southgate of Newmarket, Funeral Directors, 25 Duchess Drive, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 8AG. Service of Thanksgiving at Cheveley on Thursday 4th September at 3 pm.

MACKENZIE - Donald Ian died peacefully on Saturday 5th July aged 87 years. He was loved by many. Cremation Monday 14th July at 1.30 pm Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road, Tooting, SW17. No flowers but if desired donations to Barnardos or Asthma Research.

MACPHERSON - John FRCS, FRCOG, suddenly on July 7th at home. Dearly loved husband of the late Bett, loved and loving father of Maggi and David. Wonderful grandpa of Charlotte, Anabelle, Oliver, William, Katherine and Sophie. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Central Church, Torquay at 12 noon Monday 21st July. Family flowers only, donations if desired in aid of Rowcroft Hospice c/o Hugh Mills and Gaye, Queen Street, Newton Abbot.

PALFREY - Hilda Cope, aged 97, on 5th July at Moorcroft, Warlingham, formerly of Kinver and Stourbridge. She was a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Peter's, Kinver, on Thursday 17th July at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but memorial donations to H. Porter, 60 South Road, Stourbridge.

STEVEN - Joan (née Payne Gallwey) on 8th July peacefully in her sleep after a short illness in Switzerland. She will be greatly missed by Vincent and all her family. 227, Route St Maurice, 1814 La Tour de Peilz, Switzerland.

REED - On 8th July 1997, peacefully after a short illness, Owen, OBE, aged 86, formerly head of staff training B.B.C. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Lavant, Thursday 17th July at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to Macmillan Nurses, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex.

TOVEY - Pauline Mary on 8th July 1997 in Eastbourne. Much loved mother of Ann and grandmother of Annabel, Paul and Sarah. Funeral private.

WILLIAMS - Kathleen Edith (Katy, Granny Kay, Ma Willie) beloved mother of Gillie, grandmother of Malcolm and Harriet and aunt and friend to many, peacefully at her home near Bath on 7th July 1997 aged 85. Private family funeral. A service of celebration for her life will be held at St Mary's Church, Monxton, near Andover on Saturday, 16th August 1997 at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations to the Friends of the Slade. All enquiries to C.S. Bowyer Limited, 2 The Bullpit, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1NB. Telephone: (01225) 863208.

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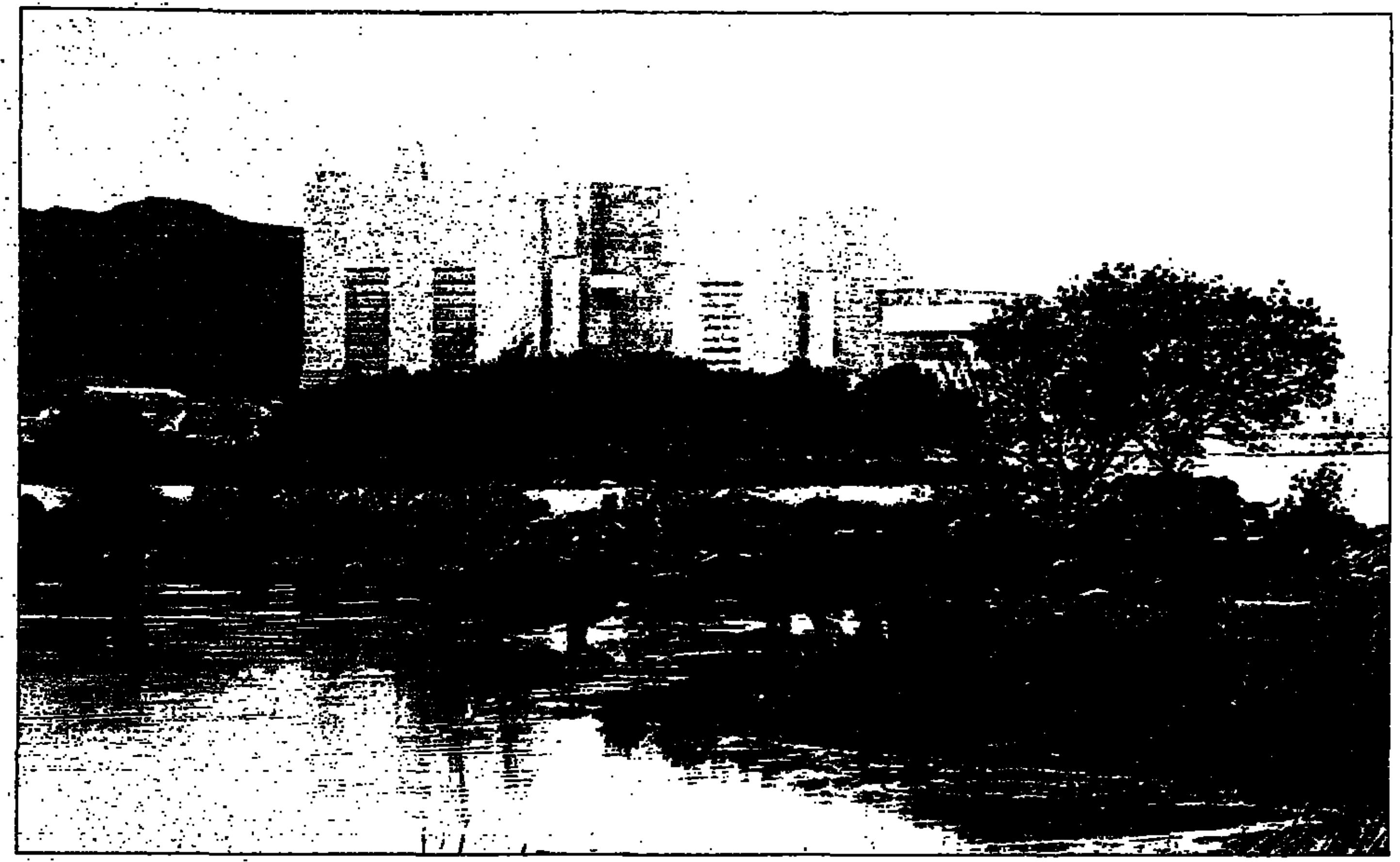
Dame Sylvia Crowe and the landscaping she carried out at Trawsfynydd power station in North Wales

Dame Sylvia Crowe, DBE, landscape architect, died on June 30 aged 95. She was born on September 15, 1901.

Sylvia Crowe was a leading personality in an imaginative collection of landscape architects who emerged in the Twenties and Thirties and became friends as well as members of the Institute of Landscape Architects (now the Landscape Institute). They included Brenda Colvin and Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe (two of the institute's founders), Lady Allen of Hurtwood (the inspiration of play buildings and gardens for handicapped children) and Sir Peter Shepheard.

While they were all admirers of the designs and writings of Gertrude Jekyll, the woman who had such an influence over Edwin Lutyens, she was a gardener only. Their real heroes were Humphry Repton and Capability Brown because the combination of landscape and architecture was seen as central to their interests.

Sylvia Crowe, however, also represented the general view — and was most insistent about it — that landscape architecture was a profession of its own. Together with Colvin, she was determined that the institute should remain separate form the Royal Institute of British Architects. "She was an extraordinary woman", Shepheard said. "Very beautiful, yet never married, and reminded you of some Edwardian lady discussing her delphiniums — or perhaps an imitation of one by Joyce Grenfell. In reality of course, she was formidable, and, my goodness, could tell the Forestry Commisison where it got off."

Sylvia Crowe was born in Banbury, the daughter of Eyre Crowe, an engineer who, because of ill-health, retired early to become a fruit farmer near the village of Felbridge in Sussex (a delightful bit of England, she said, where there was "a wonderful amount of wildlife and birds"). The farm went down to the shores of a lake, and she was certain her life there, together with her parents' devotion to the countryside and her father's partiality for travelling to France and Corsica, had a great influence on her, sparking off her appreciation of landscape. Even in her late eighties she still had a clear memory of when she was four and being "in a Corsican forest, sitting revelling in the carpet of wild cyclamen".

Between 1920 and 1922 she was at *Swanley Horticultural College* at the same time as Brenda Colvin, with whom she later shared an office in Baker Street. Yet it was only when she spent several years in Italy with her parents that, overwhelmed by the loveliness of the countryside, she was suddenly inspired to do something she said she would when a seven-year-old — design gardens.

Back in England in 1926, she became a pupil of the landscape gardener Edward White, learning surveying, drawing site plans and making plasticine models — all of which led her into a passion for contoured forms, unusual in those days. While she said her ideas were largely derived from the landscapes and gardens she enjoyed and knew well, this preoccupation with contours, with a sculptural sense, began to appear at the first opportunity — at the Chelsea Flower Show, for instance, in 1937, where her exhibition garden won a gold medal and recognition as the work of a sensitive designer. It was contoured and had a bluebell "wood" from which a stream flowed into a pond.

It was then that she took a job with the Cutbush nuseries in Barnet where she assisted Shirley Wainwright, the tough editor of *The Studio*, from whose criticism she said she learnt a lot.

She joined the Armed Forces in the Second World War, first in nursing, then as a driver. With this over, her really big break came, in 1948, with the launch of the New Towns programme. Shortly after working on the reclamation of sand dunes at Mablethorpe (a job Jellicoe had passed on to her) Sir Frederick Gibberd, the architect/planner of Harlow New Town, bought Sylvia Crowe in as a consultant on landscape design (primarily to develop his master plan). This appointment led to another at Basildon.

And that was not all: the same year, Lord Holford appointed her consultant to the Central Electricity Generating Board with a view to civilising (as she put it) nuclear power stations at Trawsfynydd and Wylfa in Wales. With additional commissions at Oxford, the rose garden at Magdalen and the treatment of quads at University College, and landscape designs for churchyards and housing. Sylvia Crowe had become one of the most sought after members of her profession.

She was working for the CEGB until 1968, and during this period was made adviser to the Forestry Commission in 1964. This was an extraordinary appointment. The commission had not had such specialist advice before, and in addition she was a woman. Such thoughts as she might have had about this did not deter her and she plunged into the work with her usual vigour.

She opposed the blanket planting of conifers, proposed mixing in deciduous trees, described ways in which such planting should follow contours and, in 1966, recorded all the basic principles in the form of guidelines in a handbook called *Forestry of the Landscape*, a pioneering work that has been reprinted ever since. The clarity of her arguments described most effectively in her diagrams and photographs, make it a classic, consulted whenever land is acquired.

Before leaving the Forestry Commission in 1976 she had produced a master plan for the Commonwealth Gardens in Canberra, Australia (1966), and had joined the Southern and South West Water Boards as consultant. She was particularly proud of some of the work she did for these, particularly Rutland Water and Wimbleball Reservoir. And this, again, was not all. There were master plans for new towns at Washington, Co Durham, and at Warrington, Lancashire, countless schemes for educational buildings — and lecture tours in the US. And then there were her books. Sir Frank Layfield encouraged her to write down her ideas fearing that they might otherwise be lost for ever. They were: *Tomorrow's Landscape* (1956), *Garden Design* (1958), *The Landscape of Power* (1958), *Landscape of Roads* (1960), *The Landscapes of Forests and Woodlands* (1979) and *Patterns of Landscape* (1986).

She was appointed CBE in 1967 and advanced to DBE in 1973. She was president of the Institute of Landscape Architects from 1957 to 1959.

She never married.

ROLF ERICSON

Rolf Ericson, Swedish jazz trumpeter, died on June 16 aged 74. He was born on August 29, 1922.

ONLY a handful of European jazz musicians have had a sufficiently distinctive sound to hold their own in the United States, and even fewer have achieved the ultimate accolade of belonging to the Duke Ellington Orchestra. Rolf Ericson, who played with Duke between April 1963 and May 1964, was one of them. In addition to a glittering career in America, he was a major figure in Europe, recording under his own name for almost half a century.

Rolf Ericson was born in Stockholm, and started learning the trumpet at the age of eight. In 1933 he heard Louis Armstrong, when Jack Hylton booked the great trumpeter on a tour of Scandinavia, and this led to a determination to become a jazz player. As a teenager he worked with visiting Americans such as the singing trumpeter Valaida Snow, before moving to America in 1947. He spent some time in the bands of Charlie Barnet and Woody Herman.

In 1950 he returned to Sweden, where he led his own band until 1952, when he returned to America so as to take part in the rapid changes then occurring in jazz. He spent part of this visit in California, where he joined Stan Kenton's band, and replaced Shorty Rogers in the progressive West Coast session organised at the Lighthouse Club on Hermosa Beach by the bassist Howard Rumsey.

In 1956 he was back in Sweden, touring and recording with two All Star American rhythm sections, one including Duke Jordan and Art Taylor, and the other Freddy Redd and Joe Harris. With the second he recorded some stirring trumpet duets with Benny Bailey.

The late 1950s saw him working again with Kenton and with Buddy Rich, who took Ericson on a State Department tour of the Far East. In the 1960s a short engagement with Charlie Mingus preceded the year with Duke Ellington, who had helped Ericson out of financial difficulty by arranging for him to play in his band.

Ericson spent much of the 1970s and 1980s in Berlin. For more than 25 years, from 1971, he also recorded with his own quartet, which included the pianist Lars Sjosten and the drummer Frederik Norén. After a brief visit to America in the late 1980s, he returned with his German wife Evelyn to Stockholm, where despite failing health he continued to work regularly.

COLONEL GORDON MAXWELL

Colonel Gordon Maxwell of Ardwell, CBE, TD, former operating manager (railways) London Transport, died on June 23 aged 92. He was born on May 2, 1905.

GORDON MAXWELL was an Old Etonian who ran the London Underground for nearly a quarter of a century after the Second World War, during which time not a day was lost through strikes. He fondly spoke of the system as "my baby". The Victoria Line was built during his time, and he accompanied the Queen on its opening in 1971 — the year in which he retired.

He worked for London Transport for nearly 50 years altogether, having joined it at 19, straight from school. Sir John Elliott, a former chairman, once wrote of him that "on and off the rails … he always had the hearts and ears of his railwaymen".

Yet Frederick Gordon Maxwell could equally have become a professional soldier. He was born int Simla, India, the only son of a lieutenant-colonel in the Bengal Lancers — and the fourth generation of his family to serve in the Indian Army. But the Maxwells had a long Scottish lineage stretching back to a 17th-century baronet and beyond, and Gordon was to be known in Scotland as "Maxwell of Ardwell".

His grandfather's half-brother was the Victorian hero Field Marshal Earl Roberts of Kandahar.

The young Maxwell came to live in England with his parents at the age of six and went from preparatory school to Eton as a King's Scholar. A good cricketer, he played for Eton's 2nd XI, and also turned out for College in the Wall Game.

A contemporary and close friend was Eric Blair (better known as George Orwell), *whom he once rescued from a* fall during a midnight climbing expedition up Lupton's Tower, the belltower in College Yard. Other contemporaries included Lord Hailsham and the then Duke of Richmond — on the back of whose motorcycle Maxwell would sneak out to visit West End nightclubs.

Maxwell won a military scholarship to New College, Oxford, with a view to following in his forebears' footsteps. But the First World War had not long been over and his father did not foresee a future for his son in the Army. He persuaded him instead to sign up as a trainee executive with London Transport, which was offering promising careers for young men.

Maxwell joined in 1924 as junior personal assistant to the legendary Frank Pick, then operating manager of the Underground, for which he personally designed and commissioned many of its stations. But the brash young Maxwell soon dared to question his formidable chief and was exiled to the locomotive repair yards at Acton for two years. Much later, however, he said that the experience there had been invaluable.

In 1927 he joined the Territorial Army. He had meant to enlist with the Honourable Artillery Company, but was taken by an old friend one night to dine at the London Scottish regimental mess at Buckingham Gate. After celebrating not wisely but too well, he woke up next day to find that he had signed on for four years.

By the outbreak of the Second World War, he was second-in-command of the regiment's 1st Battalion. When the TA was mobilised and doubled in size, from 13 to 26 divisions, he was ordered to raise and command a second battalion.

He later went off to staff college, and in 1943 was posted to the staff of 52nd (Lowland) Division, then in Scotland being trained for mountain warfare. But their first experience of active service was in clearing the 60-mile estuary of the River Scheldt, following the capture of Antwerp, including the island of Walcheren, much of it below sea level.

In 1945 he was about to be sent behind the Japanese lines in Malaya, but before the submarine could arrive to transport him to the unit he had been scheduled to join, the two atomic bombs had been dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the war had ended.

Maxwell, who was mentioned in dispatches in 1945, now rejoined London Transport and was given Frank Pick's old job in 1947, with responsibility not only for the Tubes but for freight traffic using the tracks at night.

In the same year, the TA chose him to raise the postwar 1st Battalion of the London Scottish, which he commanded for three years. From 1969 to 1973 he took the honorary title of regimental colonel.

On retiring from London Transport in 1971 — he had been appointed CBE in 1967 — Maxwell was invited to join the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a "greeter" — a voluntary job which involved meeting and looking after visiting VIPs from abroad. For many years he was to be seen on Armistice Sunday leading forward the High Commissioners from the Commonwealth to lay their *wreaths at the Cenotaph in* Whitehall.

He was a dedicated Freemason for more than 60 years and a senior elder of the Church of Scotland at St Columba's, Pont Street. In 1962 he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in the County of London, and three years later he became representative Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Westminster, retiring at the age of 75.

Gordon Maxwell, a tall "Edwardian gentleman" (as he was once described), married his first wife Barbara in 1935. They celebrated their silver wedding but were subsequently divorced, and in 1965 he married his second wife True.

She survives him, together with two sons from his first marriage and a stepdaughter. A daughter from his first marriage died 15 years ago.

ON THIS DAY

July 10, 1928

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THE COUNTRY PARSON

A MEMORY

He was a big, powerful man, a noted oar at Oxford and skilled with the gloves, a very member of the Church *militant*, who had been known, on occasion, to roll up sleeves from muscular arms in defence of a weak woman bullied by a drunken husband. But with all a man who could understand the frailties of others. Being "humble in his own eyes," he never sat in judgment on his fellow-men — perhaps therein lay his great influence over his parishioners — for he was a country parson. Only with great diffidence and searching of the heart did he take Holy Orders. In fact, the night before his ordination he was overcome by an agonizing sense of his own unworthiness and told his Archbishop of his doubts. The Archbishop, wise and all seeing man, knowing the character of the man before him, persuaded him to follow the path he had chosen, taking all responsibility for this decision upon himself. How right he was can now be testified by the flocks whose shepherd this man was. Never was pastor so beloved. He was a much-travelled man, and his experience enabled him to understand the many human problems brought to him to solve. But he loved the country and country folk, and, when living in the peace of his little Suffolk village, found his adventure and the stir of life in books. He never preached to his people but talked to them as man to man, speaking of himself as the most erring of them all. The lads of the village adored him. He invited them to spend one evening a week with him, when he kept them enthralled with his tales of foreign countries, the adventures and escapades of his youth. When he fell ill, still in the *full vigour of life though ripe in years*, each post brought humble offerings from the poor of his old parish. When the end was near, the doctor gave him morphia that his passing might be painless, and his family kissed him farewell in his sleep. But, almost miraculously, as though he knew their great longing once more to hear his beloved voice, he returned from that dark shore where he was waiting to embark on his last voyage, and very early next morning summoned his children. As they knelt round his bed, with a great effort he took a hand of each, and, placing his own upon them, solemnly and clearly blessed them: "Unto God's gracious mercy and protection I commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you."

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NEWS

Blair will vote for hunting ban

■ Tony Blair yesterday put himself on collision course with supporters of fox-hunting by declaring that he would vote for the ban proposed in a Labour backbencher's Bill when it comes before the Commons in the autumn.

Asked about his attitude to Mike Foster's measure, against which up to 100,000 rural workers and hunt supporters will protest in Hyde Park, London, today, the Prime Minister said that he had voted against hunting in the past and he would do so again .... **Pages 1, 23**

Strike brings chaos to Heathrow

■ More than 1,500 British Airways cabin staff reported sick yesterday as colleagues staged a 72-hour strike that forced the cancellation of dozens of flights and brought chaos to Heathrow airport .... **Pages 1, 22, 23, 41**

Tyson loses licence

Mike Tyson's boxing career may have ended after the Nevada State Athletic Commission revoked his boxing licence as punishment for biting Evander Holyfield's ear .... **Page 1**

Ulster troops

Hundreds of extra troops are to be flown into Northern Ireland to counter the upsurge in IRA terrorism since the Drumcree Orange parade .... **Page 2**

Friends killed

The sole survivor of a sailing tragedy told how he watched helplessly as Force 9 gales swept three of his friends from a yacht in the Solent .... **Page 3**

Booth fights for gays

Cherie Booth pleaded the cause of lesbian rights before the European Court, in the process crossing swords with her husband's Government .... **Page 5**

£50,000 children

The average child will have cost its parents £50,000 in food, clothing and leisure by the age of 17, says a report commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and based on living standards of more than 1,200 children and their parents .... **Page 6**

Labour peers

Tony Blair is poised to appoint more than 20 new Labour life peers to bolster his party's Lords representation .... **Page 2**

Mother's award

A woman who was unaware she was pregnant when she was sterilised made legal history when the High Court awarded her more than £100,000 against a gynaecologist .... **Page 7**

Bosnia crackdown

President Clinton gave his backing for the Nato-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia to arrest Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb president .... **Page 14**

Bank chief 'insulted'

Wolfgang Schüssel, the Austrian Foreign Minister, must face a no-confidence motion after reports that he described Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, as a "real pig" .... **Page 16**

Kenya in chaos

Kenyan police, ordered by President Moi to prevent a threatened march, swarmed through Nairobi University, beating students and dons .... **Page 17**

Church scandal

The head of America's biggest black church was at the centre of adultery allegations after his wife was arrested for setting fire to a Florida mansion owned by him and another woman .... **Page 18**

Clinton's persuasion

President Clinton persuaded the Democrats to hire John Huang, who is at the heart of the fund-raising scandal, a Senate hearing was told .... **Page 19**

Roman medical kit unearthed

■ The only intact set of medical instruments from the Roman period found in Britain has been unearthed in Colchester. They include scalpels, an iron saw for amputations, hooks for operations such as removing tonsils, tweezers, a spatula and a series of needles of different sizes that were used for cauterising wounds. They are made of iron or a copper alloy.. **Pages 9, 23**

Field sports marchers from Scotland, Cornwall and Wales meet at Great Missenden en route to today's Hyde Park rally. Page 1

BUSINESS

Property: Chris Howes, chief executive and Second Commissioner of the Crown Estate, warned the property market that the commercial market was in danger of overheating .... **Page 27**

Eurotunnel: Two senior assistants to George Soros, the billionaire trader, have been questioned as part of a French police investigation into insider trading in Eurotunnel shares .... **Page 27**

Executive pay: Directors' pay is rising again, boardroom salary evidence shows .... **Page 27**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 3.9 points, to close at 4762.4. Sterling's index fell from 104.2 to 104.1 after a fall from $1.6897 to $1.6853 but a rise from DM2.9693 to DM2.9695 .... **Page 30**

SPORT

Cricket: Lancashire, the holders, were knocked out of the NatWest Trophy in the second round by Sussex. Surrey also went out, to Nottinghamshire .... **Pages 49, 52**

Golf: Joakim Haeggman, the first Swede to play in the Ryder Cup, was leading the field after the first round of the Loch Lomond World Invitational .... **Page 47**

Football: Inter Cable-Tel, the League of Wales runners-up last season, were paired with Celtic in the first qualifying round of the Uefa Cup .... **Page 45**

Motor racing: Frank Williams says that only victory in the British Grand Prix will allow Jacques Villeneuve to retain a realistic chance of winning the world championship .... **Page 52**

New releases: Geoff Brown discovers the charms of the low-budget, high-quality summer comedy *Swingers*, but finds the problems pile up in Spike Lee's latest, *Get on the Bus* .... **Page 35**

Dancing delight: The Kirov Ballet returns to London for a five-week summer season at the Coliseum, and kicks off with an ebullient *Don Quixote* .... **Page 36**

Born again: The 1960s film *Summer Holiday* has been reborn as a theatrical experience, and Cliff Richard took his seat at the Labatt's Apollo so that he could witness the transformation .... **Page 37**

Last hurrah: The British tenor Dennis O'Neill gives a one-man show at Covent Garden that pays tribute to Verdi .... **Page 37**

Taste of danger: Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the dangers of drinking fruit ice, the benefits of taking folic acid before pregnancy, a rare kidney disease, trouble with talcum powder, and why too many hospital patients die from pulmonary embolism .... **Page 20**

Big deal: "I find it difficult to make friends with people who don't make my kind of money." Geoff, a City wheeler-dealer who has wine, women and wads of dosh, explains to Bill Frost why even his shrink can't abide him .... **Page 21**

Louche life: Peter Ackroyd on the louche life of Somerset Maugham; Roger Scruton admires Iris Murdoch, philosopher; Roy Strong on James Lees-Milne .... **Pages 38, 39**

Rival aid: Even rivals of British Airways are helping the strike-hit airline .... **Page 41**

The heads of state and of government tackled the Madrid summit in widely differing frames of mind. In Washington, it is self-satisfaction which is prevailing. But America's "grand slam" is not making everyone happy. In a number of European capitals, starting with Paris, American hegemony is being bitterly denounced.

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TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ POP

A new single, a tour starting — is there no stopping Oasis?

■ EDUCATION

A few decades on, a school reunion might seem a great idea. Nicolette Jones reveals how hers turned out

Preview: But architects do not have to live in them. *How Buildings Learn* (BBC2, 7.30pm). **Review:** Peter Barnard on a hospital drama drawn from life .... **Pages 46, 47**

Rural marchers

The countrymen who have marched on London should remind members of the new Parliament, who will flourish their majority and mandate, that settled traditions and the liberties of minorities also have their claim .... **Page 23**

Two Prime Ministers

The conflict that ravaged Cambodia for two decades, and claimed at least one million lives before UN-supervised elections in 1993, now looks likely to return .... **Page 23**

Caratacus's sawbones

The predecessor of the high-tech masters of modern surgery knew that his craft depended on luck as well as skill .... **Page 23**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The more the high-earners support Labour, the more the gossip columns will portray Labour as the fat cats' party .... **Page 22**

JOHN BRYANT

For 30 years a roadside shrine has marked the spot where Tommy Simpson collapsed and died as he flogged his way up a 6,000ft mountain in the Tour de France. It is a mark of the respect he had won in France that not once has that shrine been neglected .... **Page 50**

PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair got himself into a muddle yesterday about public spending. This may partly have been because of his habit of speaking off-the-cuff at Prime Minister's questions .... **Page 12**

Dame Sylvia Crowe, landscape architect; **Colonel Gordon Maxwell,** former operating manager, London Underground; **Rolf Ericson,** Swedish jazzman .... **Page 25**

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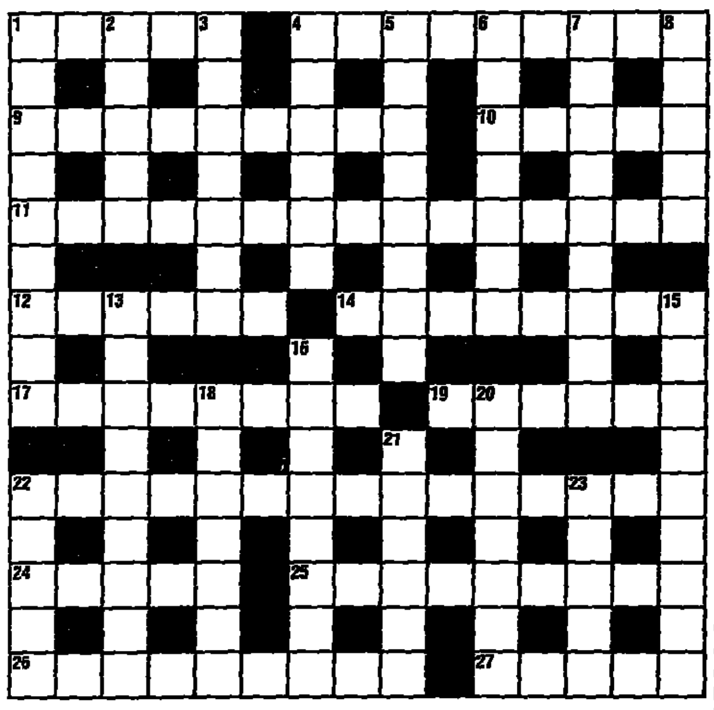

ACROSS

1 Small detached place brings in rent (5).
4 Room to bring young lady back — an easy catch (9).
9 Foolishly burnt as he laid out? (9).
10 Deal evasively with composer (5).
11 Club with no entrance fee? That's not logical talk (4,11).
12 Heroic nurse smuggles bible into part of prison (6).
14 Independence UK experienced in 1964? (4,4).
17 Short examination about Anglicanism completed (4-4).
19 Party emerges from grave upheaval (4-2).
22 I blessed the wall, newly-built with good foundations (4-11).
24 Consumes fowl with last of dressing passed round (5).
25 He wanders around the point in one incoherent speech (9).
26 It follows that cattle died out in extremes of temperature (9).
27 Spirit from the wood is unsweetened, notice (5).

DOWN

1 Bobby, grabbing seat and sitting in it, gains nothing thereby (4,5).
2 Cut chapter, in a way (5).
3 It's an effort for Virginia to wear scent (7).
4 Diplomat inducted into the highest order (6).
5 Guide cried out "The Peak!" (8).
6 Synchronised popular exercise has got accepted (2,5).
7 Forecast depression will lift, due to change in low behaviour (9).
8 Material managed to cover most of you (5).
13 Totter and leave, sick at heart (9).
15 Assisted deputy up and went outside (9).
16 New routine devised to discover subatomic particle (8).
18 Manage to get abroad, we hear (7).
20 A requirement is entered for strong flavour (7).
21 Do favour force (6).
22 Old man finds head covering extremely hot (5).
23 Impetuous, set off to the unknown (5).

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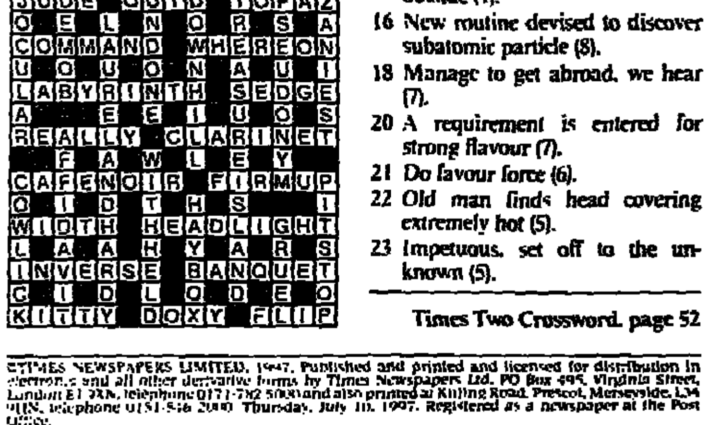

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London 9.16 pm to 4.57 am
Bristol 9.25 pm to 5.06 am
Edinburgh 9.56 pm to 4.42 am
Manchester 9.35 pm to 4.54 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.25 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** warm and sunny in most of Scotland and Northern Ireland, heavy showers and thunderstorms likely later. Wales and western England warm and sunny, isolated showers possible. Misty start likely in central and eastern England, the hot sunshine developing except on North Sea coast. Tonight, Wales and southwest England mostly fine. Evening showers in Scotland and Northern Ireland will die out. Mist and low cloud on North Sea coast will drift inland, covering much of England and Scotland by morning.

☐ **London, SE England, E Midlands, Central N England:** early mist and low cloud clearing to leave another warm and mostly sunny day. Light to moderate northeast wind. Max 25C (77F)

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** early mist and cloud lingering on coast, where it will be cool. Inland, some strong sunshine. Light to moderate northeast wind. Max 25C (77F)

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** dull and misty at first, but should soon be warm and sunny. Light easterly wind. Max 25C (77F)

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** mainly sunny after pockets of early mist have cleared. Light easterly wind. Max 26C (79F)

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** misty all day on coasts. Warm sunny spells developing inland. Risk of isolated thunderstorms. Light southeast wind. Max 23C (73F)

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** dry and quite sunny, scattered thundery showers later. Light southeast wind. Max 22C (72F)

☐ **Outlook:** most places warm and sunny. Thundery showers in the west on Friday will spread to the rest of the country on Saturday.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** high in all areas except London, where it will be moderate, and N Scotland, where it will be low. (Supplied by Pollen Research Unit)

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	8.8	-	21	70	s	Leeds	9.5	0.06	27	81	sh
Anglesey	8.6	-	18	64	fg	Lerwick	11.7	-	17	63	s
Aviemore	14.2	-	25	77	s	Leuchars	10.1	-	19	66	fg
Belfast	14.1	-	24	75	s	Littlehmptn	13.1	-	23	73	s
Birmingham	10.5	-	25	77	b	London	12.2	0.02	26	79	s
Bognor R	13.9	-	23	73	s	Lowestoft	7.2	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	11.9	-	24	75	s	Manchester	14.9	-	27	81	s
Bristol	12.1	-	28	82	s	Margate	10.3	-	20	68	s
Buxton	13.8	-	27	81	s	Minehead	14.9	-	25	77	s
Cardiff	14.6	-	25	77	s	Morecambe	15.2	-	21	70	s
Clacton	15.2	-	16	61	s	Newquay	14.1	-	26	79	s
Colwyn Bay	9.4	-	15	59	s	Norwich	15.0	-	23	73	s
Cromer	12.6	-	19	66	s	Poole	14.4	-	25	77	s
Eastbourne	13.4	-	20	68	s	Ross-o-wye	14.0	-	27	81	s
Edinburgh	13.8	-	23	73	s	Salcombe	14.1	-	22	72	s
Eskdalemuir	14.9	-	24	75	s	Saunton Snd	14.6	-	25	77	s
Exmouth	15.2	-	22	72	s	Scarboro'	10.0	-	23	73	s
Falmouth	14.6	-	22	72	s	Shrewsbury	13.0	-	26	79	s
Fishguard	10.3	0.01	18	64	s	Skegness	13.1	-	20	68	s
Folkestone	15.4	-	22	72	s	Southend	13.9	-	22	72	b
Glasgow	14.3	-	25	77	s	Southport	15.0	-	21	70	s
Hastings	14.7	-	21	70	s	Stornoway	12.5	-	20	68	s
Hayling I	13.8	-	21	70	s	Swanage	12.9	-	21	70	s
Herne Bay	13.1	-	21	70	s	Teignmouth	15.4	-	22	72	s
Hove	10.7	0.01	23	73	b	Tenby	14.5	-	24	75	s
Hunstanton	14.3	-	22	72	s	Tiree	14.3	-	19	66	s
Isle of Man	12.5	-	17	63	s	Torquay	14.5	-	22	72	s
Isle Of Wight	12.5	-	17	63	s	Tynemouth	-	-	18	64	s
Jersey	14.8	-	24	75	s	West-s-mare	13.0	-	26	79	s
Kinloss	12.7	-	24	75	s	Weymouth	14.1	-	22	72	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	25	77	s	Corfu	27	81	f	Majorca	28	82	s	Rome	27	81	s
Akrotiri	30	86	s	C'phagn	20	68	s	Malaga	24	75	s	S Fr'sco	22	72	s
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Dublin	20	68	s	Malta	27	81	s	S Paulo	23	73	f
Algiers	26	79	s	Dubrovnik	24	75	f	Melb'rne	14	57	s	Salzburg	18	64	c
Amst'dm	21	70	f	Faro	26	79	s	Mexico C	22	72	f	Santiago	12	54	f
Athens	31	88	s	Florence	29	84	s	Miami	33	91	s	Seoul	29	84	f
B Aires	15	59	c	Frankfurt	20	68	f	Milan	27	81	s	Sing'por	32	90	s
Bahrain	40	104	s	Funchal	22	72	s	Montreal	19	66	x	St'kholm	19	66	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	22	72	s	Moscow	22	72	f	Strasb'rg	23	73	f
Barbados	25	77	f	Gibraltar	22	72	s	Munich	19	66	c	Sydney	19	66	f
Barcelona	24	75	s	Helsinki	27	81	s	N Delhi	31	88	f	Tangier	29	84	s
Beirut	30	86	f	Hong K	27	81	c	N York	30	86	s	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
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Biarritz	27	81	s	Jo'burg	12	54	s	Oslo	21	70	s	Tunis	27	81	s
Bordx	26	79	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	23	73	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Brussels	20	68	f	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	35	95	s	Vanc'ver	16	61	f
Budapest	19	66	f	Le Touqt	21	70	f	Perth	12	54	s	Venice	28	82	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Prague	19	66	c	Vienna	17	63	f
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Locarno	25	77	s	Reykjavik	14	57	f	Warsaw	19	66	t
Ch'church	8	46	x	Luxmbg	21	70	f	Rhodes	30	86	s	Wash'ton	32	90	s
Chicago	22	72	f	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	24	75	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	x
Cologne	17	63	c	Madrid	30	86	s	Riyadh	41	106	s	Zurich	21	70	s

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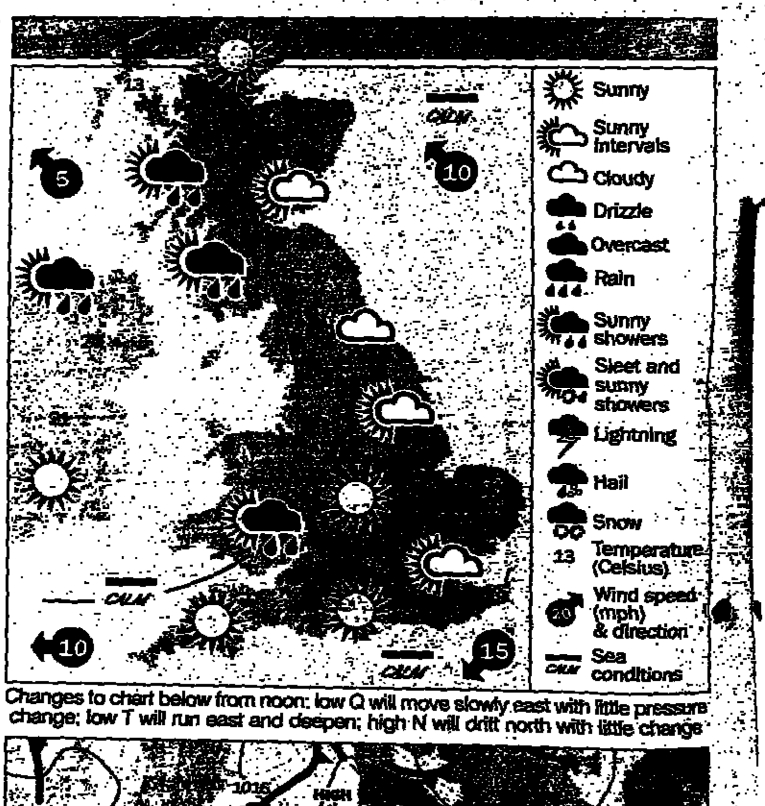

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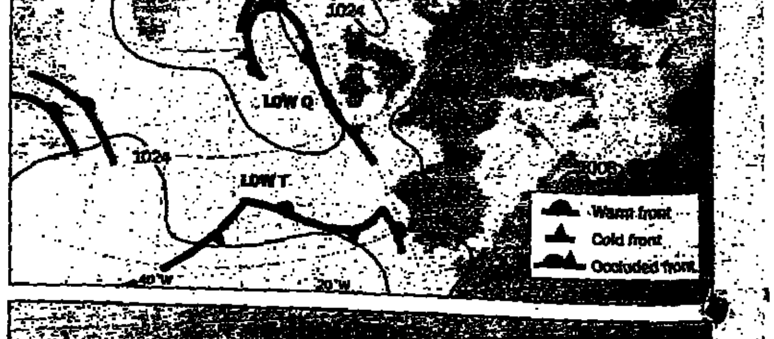

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Aberdeen	05.24	3.9	18.00	3.7	Liverpool	03.11	8.6	15.33	8.3
Avonmouth	11.21	11.5	23.32	11.5	Lowestoft	01.54	2.2	13.39	2.4
Belfast	03.07	3.4	15.33	3.0	Margate	04.12	4.3	16.18	4.4
Cardiff	11.07	10.7	23.18	10.7	Milford Haven	10.24	6.0	22.38	6.1
Devonport	09.42	4.9	21.52	5.1	Newquay	09.18	6.0	21.34	6.1
Dover	03.04	6.0	15.24	6.2	Oban	09.58	3.4	21.58	3.4
Dublin (N Wall)	03.45	3.9	16.09	3.8	Penzance	08.49	4.8	21.05	4.8
Falmouth	09.13	4.7	21.23	4.9	Portland	11.04	1.4	23.03	1.5
Greenock	04.24	3.4	17.10	3.0	Portsmouth	03.14	4.2	15.51	4.2
Harwich	03.53	3.6	16.02	3.6	Shoreham	03.04	5.5	15.32	5.6
Holyhead	02.18	5.2	14.45	4.8	Southampton	02.46	4.2	15.12	4.2
Hull (Albert D)	10.24	8.1	22.55	7.7	Swansea	10.30	8.3	22.45	8.3
Ilfracombe	10.08	8.0	22.21	8.1	Tees	07.56	5.0	20.27	4.7
King's Lynn	10.28	6.0	23.02	5.6	Walton-on-N	03.49	3.8	15.57	3.8

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Cardiff, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Benson, Oxfordshire, 1.06in; highest sunshine: Teignmouth, Devon, and Folkestone, Kent, 15.4hr.

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